

## COMMISSION MINUTES, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in the commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner, Chairman; Roger Otott, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner, Vice Chairman; and Gary Ouellette, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner. Denae Dimler, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, February 24, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Vice-Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

Denae Dimler, County Clerk, presented bills and payroll totaling \$216,609.22. Denae informed the Board that some funds have been mismanaged in a cemetery district. The Cemetery and Township Boards have been notified. The Boards are considering dissolving the cemetery district and wanted information on the procedure for dissolving a district. Denae said she has been in contact with the County Attorney regarding procedures and is awaiting a response. Denae reported that some new security measures were installed last week in the Courthouse and she is awaiting quotes on other additions.

The Board signed fuel contracts with Kramer Oil based on bids received and awarded in the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board received notice that the Kansas Historical Society has approved the nomination of the Lowe Center School to the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination will now be forwarded to the office of the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D.C. to be evaluated by their staff.

The Board approved and signed official minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board signed change orders 2013-30, 2013-31, and 2013-32.

The Board reviewed annual reports from Franklin, Haddam, and Logan Townships.

Denae presented a bill for the month of January for medical trips for Washington County residents. The County entered into an agreement beginning October 31<sup>st</sup> with Twin Valley to provide transportation for medical purposes for County residents for 6 months to be evaluated every month. For the month of January, there were 23 trips at a cost of \$2,011.25 to the County.

Denae informed the Board that she had received a request for information from the Kansas Department of Commerce for a teacher from Hanover who applied for student loan assistance through the Kansas Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ). The Board said that they did not budget any funds for ROZ in 2014 but will consider joining ROZ in 2015.

In an effort to implement new security measures in the Courthouse, Commissioner Otott made a motion to change all outside locks on the Courthouse. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Board asked Denae to make the arrangements to have the locks changed.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, indicated the foam-filled tires on the backhoe at the County Landfill need replacing. Duane presented 2 quotes on the tires. The Board asked him to get a few more quotes and bring them in next week.

Kyle Applegarth, Undersheriff, called in to report there are currently 3 inmates in the County Jail.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, gave his weekly work report. The Board gave David permission to dispose of various outdated and non-working electronic waste in accordance with Resolution 14-08 to be deposited at the Solid Waste Department. The Board also gave David permission to purchase 911 signs, not to exceed \$2,000, from Wellborn Signs. The B Street Project in Washington was discussed. The Board reiterated the position of the County in that the County is responsible for the middle 24 feet of the road and the remainder is the responsibility of the City of Washington.

The Board commenced acting as the Public Building Commission at 11:30 and adjourned at 12:30.

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The Board reconvened as the BOCC at 12:30 and discussed various matters with Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney. At 1:00, the Board, along with Kathy Fritz, Deputy County Clerk, moved the meeting to a building in downtown Washington being considered as the new site for the County Health Department. They were joined by Janice Kern, County Health Administrator, and local contractors Jerry Ouellette, Don Kern, Scott Sawin, and Brian Sasse. Many topics were discussed. Chairman Mueller asked Janice to develop a floor plan and present a comparison of the costs to remodel an existing building versus building a new facility.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

**BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

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Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner

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Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner

Attest:

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Dena Dimler, County Clerk

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Gary Ouellette, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner