

## COMMISSION MINUTES, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, February 24, 2014 in the commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner, Chairman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner; 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, March 3, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Denae Dimler, County Clerk, presented an ambulance report showing total ambulance runs for each service in Washington County including Clifton, Hanover, Linn and Washington.

Denae presented an application for an emergency vehicle permit. Chairman Mueller signed the permit.

The Board reviewed an annual township report submitted by Charleston Township.

The Board approved and signed official minutes from the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ann Hawk, County Treasurer, was asked to provide information on commercial vehicle registrations. The State of Kansas has recently changed regulations and registrations on commercial vehicles. Ann decided at the time of implementation to not take part in the program; therefore, Washington County residents with commercial vehicles need to complete their registrations at another facility. The Board has received some complaints regarding the lack of availability to perform the registration in Washington County. Ann told the Board that 33 counties in Kansas are not offering this service and that she sends Washington County residents to Marshall County to handle all commercial vehicles. Commissioner Ouellette said he feels someone in Ann's office should go to class to learn the program so Washington County residents can be serviced in Washington. Chairman Mueller concurred.

Robin Slattery-Reid and Leslie Manning, River Valley Extension District Agents, visited with the Board about Senate Bill 411. SB411 eliminates the taxing authority of the Extension districts governing board and transfers budgetary responsibilities to County Commissioners. Robin and Leslie asked the Board to prepare testimony opposing the SB411 and to have it ready by 1:00 so copies could be made and ready for Senators to read. Chairman Mueller composed a letter opposing SB411 which Denae prepared emailed the appropriate parties.

Bob Jones, Silver Haired Legislature, requested \$500 funding to be used toward funding legislative action that improves the health and well being of senior citizens. The Board had budgeted \$500 in the 2014 budget to be used by the Silver Haired Legislatures.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, submitted a payroll change notice for Donald Bisping as a new hire. Duane said he and Mike Woerner will be attending the County Weed Directors meeting next week. Duane informed the Board that the cost of disposing old tires is increasing.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, reported there are currently 2 Washington County inmates in the jail. Justin has prepared a request for information to see about having meals for inmates prepared at the hospital. The Board told Justin to give the request to a hospital board member since the administrator has submitted his resignation. Justin presented inventories for the Sheriff, Communications, and Jail departments. Justin received a letter regarding roof repairs at the Jail and he will be contacting the company who installed the roof, AHRS Construction, to determine the next steps. The Board discussed postings on the Sheriff's Facebook page with Justin.

Alice Oldham, Professional Insurance Consultants, presented a business associate agreement and an agreement for consulting services for the Board to sign. Alice discussed changes to employer mandates and the Affordable Healthcare Act. Mandates have been extended to January 1, 2016 for employers with 50 to 99 employees. Alice said they are willing to help employees enroll in the Healthcare Insurance Marketplace.

Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to enter into executive session under non-elected personnel. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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David Willbrant, Public Works Director, presented weekly work report. David said the township meeting will be held this Wednesday at 9:30. David will be out next week in training for bridge inspection certification. The Board and David discussed the B Street project. David reported he received a draft of the bi-annual bridge inspection and is prioritizing bridges in the report. He will present the findings later.

Chairman Mueller signed an airport preservation agreement.

The Board approved the following purchases: \$1,248.60 to Pugh Communications for Courthouse security, \$4,987 to Stone's Southside Service for foam-filled tires, and \$14,244 for a short load of fuel from Kramer Oil.

The Commissioners unanimously approved the following actions:

- To approve \$500 for Silver Haired Legislature.
- To accept the consulting agreement with Professional Insurance Consultants

The Board commenced acting as the Public Building Commission at 11:30 and adjourned at 12:15.

The Board reconvened as the BOCC at 12:15 and discussed cemetery districts with County Clerk, Denae Dimler.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 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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Denae Dimler, County Clerk

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