

COMMISSION MINUTES, July 1, 2013

The Board of Washington County Commission met in regular session on Monday, July 1, 2013 in the commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Present: Alison Mueller, 1st District Commissioner, Chairwoman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner; Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner; and Denae Dimler, County Clerk.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, July 8, 2013 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairwoman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Teryl Goeckel, Washington, asked the Board to consider joining the Rural Opportunity Zones (ROZ) program which is administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce and offers incentives on income tax and student loan repayments for individuals willing to move to one of the counties designated by the program. Washington County is one of 50 counties in the State of Kansas that qualifies for this program.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, asked for permission to talk to County Attorney Elizabeth Hiltgen regarding habitual violators of the County Weed Policy.

Denae Dimler, County Clerk, dispersed budget information. Denae presented a public notice from KDHE regarding an increase in the permitted animal units from the previous permit for LEI River View confined animal feeding operation located in Hollenberg. The permit will be posted in the Courthouse until July 27th.

Chairwoman Mueller signed payroll change notices for Mary Leck who transferred to Communications and Denae Dimler who completed probationary period.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, reported there are 4 inmates in the jail.

Chairwoman Mueller signed payroll change notices for Allison Kern who transferred to the Communications Department from the Sheriff's Department and Leroy Neal who completed training period.

Commissioner Otott moved to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Ouellette seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were the 3 Commissioners, Justin Cordry, Sheriff, and Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director. No action taken.

Deb Swoboda, Emergency Preparedness Director, asked permission to buy 100 additional weather radios. The Commissioners approved the purchase.

All department heads met to discuss the overtime policy set in May. Chairwoman Mueller made motion to return to 2003 policy on overtime. Commissioner Otott seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The Board also discussed possibly implementing longevity pay.

David Willbrant, Public Works Director, presented weekly work report. David reported Jacob Beikman has taken a position elsewhere. Sign bids are due next Monday at 10:00 A.M.

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Commissioner Otott moved to sign a resolution request for construction project of Bridge #162. Commissioner Ouellette seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Gloria Moore, Tourism Director, presented tourism activities for the month of June.

Tom Parker, Washington, had additional questions about ROZ.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, informed the Board that Judge Cudney arranged a meeting in Concordia on July 15th regarding the concealed carry law. All counties in the 12th Judicial District are exempt from the new concealed carry law until Jan. 1, 2014.

The Board met as the Public Building Commission (PBC) from 1:30 to 2:30. The PBC will meet again on July 8 and July 11.

Chairwoman Mueller signed payroll change notice for Judy Pfiester who resigned. Mueller also signed 2 designations of emergency vehicle for Allen Hornbostel, Palmer.

The Board approved and signed official minutes from June 17 and June 24.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairwoman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Denae Dimler, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner