

COMMISSION MINUTES, June 9, 2014

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, June 9, 2014 in the commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1st District Commissioner, Chairman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner. Denae Dimler, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, June 16, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

The following five bridges are under consideration for closure: Eagle and .1 mile north of 20th Road, 21st Road and .2 miles east of Liberty, 7th Road and .6 miles west of Heritage, 9th Road and .5 miles east of King, Liberty and .4 miles south of 7th Road. The Commissioners would like input from the public regarding these bridges and ask the public to call the County Commissioners or come to the next meeting.

Dimler submitted bills and payroll totaling \$419,854.63.

Chairman Mueller signed payroll change notices for the resignations of Leroy Neal, Jailor; Denise Caraway, Jailor; and Chris Speakman, Deputy Sheriff.

The Board received 2015 budget requests from the County Treasurer, Washington County Conservation District, County Communications and County 911.

The Board received notice from KDHE indicating a swine and cattle facility located in section 34 of Sherman Township has applied for a permit renewal. The notice will be on file in the Clerk's office for public viewing. Comments are due by July 25, 2014.

The Board received and reviewed the 2013 annual report for Kimeo Township.

Chairman Mueller asked to review the Farmington Township report from 2013 to see how much was spent on road maintenance. The report shows \$20,582 was spent on grader work and \$17,468.32 was spent on road surface materials.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, received an email from the KDHE Bureau of Waste Management stating it has been decided that an engineer needs to prepare the 2014 landfill estimate and that Bruna can no longer prepare the estimate. Bruna stated he feels the townships need financial help with spraying costs so he will look at budgets for next year to see what the County can do to help townships.

Arlene Dague, Washington County Historical Society, called in to ask permission for an extension on submitting the Historical Society's 2015 budget request. The Board approved the extension.

The Board discussed the purchase of property located at 104 E. 2nd St. in Washington as a possible location to expand the County Health Department. The Board was offered a chance to buy the property without competition prior to an auction. The Board asked Dimler to prepare a letter to the owners thanking them for the opportunity but declining the opportunity to purchase. Chairman Mueller indicated she did not want to add more expense to the County at this point and feels the hospital project should be finished before starting a new project.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, and Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director, asked questions about County policy on working overtime and compensatory time. Cordry stated there are currently 4 inmates in the jail including 3 Washington County and 1 work release inmates.

Gloria Moore, Tourism Director, presented the tourism report for the month of May.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, along with the Board took a phone call from Kenny Welch who was concerned about the possible closure of a bridge near Eagle & 20th Rd. Welch wanted to let them know that the bridge is used frequently by him and a few other area farmers. Willbrant had some new information about the cost of annual inspections and said that this particular bridge did not have a high inspection cost as originally thought so the County may decide to pay the inspection cost instead of closing or rehabilitating the

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bridge. After the phone conversation, Willbrant presented estimates on rehabilitating or replacing the five structures listed above and compared those estimates to the cost of inspections and where the break-even point would fall.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, joined the meeting and was asked to get information on the legal ramifications of closing bridges when it may be the only access to two or three parcels that are all owned by different landowners.

Colin Stolzer, Washington and owner of Stolzer & Son's Gunsmithing, stated there is a problem north of Washington with feral and stray dogs and cats. Stolzer said the Sheriff's office can handle the feral animals but there are no laws in place for strays. Stolzer indicated there are groups who provide financial support to start a short-term shelter and euthanasia program. Commissioner Otott said they would look into financial resources and Chairman Mueller said she would like to visit with the Sheriff's office to see how big the problem is in the County.

Deb Swoboda, Emergency Preparedness Director, asked permission to allow a fireman to drive the County vehicle in the Linn parade this weekend. The Board approved the driver.

Robbin Cole, Executive Director, along with Mary Tate & Anita Bott, Washington County Board of Directors, with Pawnee Mental Health Services, presented the annual report and the 2015 budget request.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

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(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Dimler, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner