

COMMISSION MINUTES, MARCH 17, 2014

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, March 17, 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, March 24, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Denae Dimler, County Clerk, presented payroll and bills totaling \$232,589.39.

The Board received a notice from KDHE indicating a swine facility located in Logan Township is applying for expansion of an existing swine facility. The notice will be on file in the Clerk's office for public viewing. Comments are due by April 12.

The Board received a resignation for Debra Hill, Jailor.

Regan Holthaus, Family Heritage Insurance Agent, wanted to offer insurance products to County employees. The Board told her that at this time additional products were not being reviewed but she may be included as a new vendor at open enrollment.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, presented 5 bids for 2, 4-D Amine and 2, 4-D LV6.

Kyle Applegarth, Undersheriff, called in to report there are currently 2 Washington County inmates in the jail.

Dan Thallman, Washington County News owner, was present to ask questions regarding the future of the jail. The Board said they are still in a discovery phase and need to visit with the Sheriff about options. Commissioner Ouellette indicated he would like to do whatever is most cost effective. Commissioner Otott said the jail needs 24-27 out-of-county prisoners every week to break even. The County Clerk presented information she gathered after visiting with the County CPA and a cost comparison of expenses and income.

James Stark asked permission to have a prayer meeting around the flag pole on May 1st, National Day of Prayer. The Board agreed to the request.

Janice Kearn, County Health Administrator, discussed vehicles for her departments. The Board gave Janice approval to purchase 2 new vehicles.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, gave his weekly work report. The Board approved hiring of 3-4 people for summer help. David presented an invoice for work done this year in Highland Township in the amount of \$850 in grading and \$3,000 in brush removal. David gave updates on bridge inspections and asphalt options.

Washington City Council requested a meeting with the Board regarding the B Street Project. All Commissioners agreed that there is nothing to discuss. The County maintains the middle 24 feet of all County roads within each city in the County and this will not be changed.

Due to bridge construction, 22nd Road between Osage and Prairie will be closed starting next week and lasting 4-6 weeks.

Larry Bruna, Hutton Construction, gave an update on the hospital project. He said they are behind 5-6 days due to bad weather but should be able to catch up over the next few months. The steel erectors are up so the roofing, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical workers are on site.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, discussed various matters with the Board.

The Commissioners unanimously approved the following actions:

- To sign a one year contract with Pawnee Mental Health Services to provide mental health services for the citizens of Washington County for \$30,000.

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- To pay Clifton Clyde High School \$100 towards after prom activities.
- To accept bid of \$27,702 by Red River Specialties as low bidder for 2, 4-D Amine and 2, 4-D LV6.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Denae Dimler, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner