

COMMISSION MINUTES, MAY 19, 2014

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, May 19, 2014 in the commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner. Denae Dimler, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes. Alison Mueller, 1st District Commissioner, Chairman, was absent.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 8:30 A.M. Washington County offices will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

Vice Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.

Don Alldredge, Janitor, was present to open sidewalk bids. Vice Chairman opened the single bid received from Walter Bros. Construction. Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to accept the bid of \$49,333.20 from Walter Bros. as the only bid. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Board asked Alldredge to check into moving the memorial markers by the lamp posts in the front of the Courthouse. Some people have tripped over the markers which are placed on the sidewalk rather than attached to the lamp posts.

Dimler presented bills for the months of March and April for medical trips for Washington County residents. For the month of March, there were 13 trips at a cost of \$2,687.50 and for the month of April, there were 8 trips at a cost of \$1,235.00 to the County.

Dimler placed a call to the Sheriff's office to get a jail count. There are currently 5 Washington County and 1 KDOC inmates in the jail.

Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director, presented information and drawings on updating the dispatch center. In September 2013, Ouellette told the Board about Next Generation 911 and the need for new computers and office furniture to accommodate the changes. Ouellette said that based on County population and dispatch scheduling, the office needs one answering point instead of two which will cut costs of furniture and equipment in half. The department will keep some existing equipment as a backup for times when additional dispatchers may be needed for emergency situations. The cost to update and have one answering point will be \$8,900. The Board told Ouellette to proceed with the updates.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, reported three trucks and one trailer need new tires. Bruna had quotes from Stone's Southside Service, Pony Express Service Station, and M&M. The Board approved purchases from all three vendors. Bruna hired Scott Miller as summer help.

The Board asked Diana Svanda, Payroll and Accounts Payable Clerk, for information regarding KPERS and re-hiring employees who retire from Washington County.

Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants, would like to hold an informational meeting in September to assist employees with Medicare and Supplement choices available to individuals approaching 65 and disability eligible employees. They would also be available to do a public meeting for Washington County citizens if there was any interest. Open enrollment for Medicare is October through December. Fernandez also put together some information for the Board to consider in implementing a wellness program for County employees. Healthy Fit partners with Blue Cross Blue Shield in helping employees improve and maintain their health which will lead to lower premiums for the County's insurance policy. Fernandez asked the Board to consider the option and make a decision before July so there is time to implement the program by the 1st of January.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, presented weekly work report. Willbrant hired Zakery Voelker as summer help and Vice Chairmain Otott signed a payroll change notice for Voelker. Willbrant offered a Commitment of County Funds Contract drawn up by KDOT to award low bid to King Construction Company of Hesston, KS for work on a bridge project near Palmer. Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lou Kern, PBC Project Manager/Coordinator, presented a bill for payment and reminded the Board about a Hospital Board meeting and tour scheduled for this Wednesday evening.

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Larry Bruna, Hutton Construction, told the Board that there are some delays with receiving electrical equipment from the manufacturer and this delay is setting plans back about three weeks.

The Board received a Thank You from St. John's Catholic School 6th Grade class for allowing their class to attend the Kansas City Royals game with Deputy Elssasser and for sponsoring the D.A.R.E. program.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

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Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Denaë Dimler, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner