

COMMISSION MINUTES, October 6, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 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. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes. Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner, was absent.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 13^h, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, discussed implementing charges at the Household & Hazardous Waste (HHW) station for collecting large disposals of chemicals. Currently, HHW does not charge for disposal of chemicals. Chairman Mueller was against implementing a fee schedule because she felt the chemicals would end up in a ditch rather than disposed of properly. It was agreed HHW would continue free disposal of chemicals. Fall Free Days at the Landfill will be October 16, 17, and 18.

Jueneman discussed the handling of payroll issues in the County. The Board told Jueneman there needs to be more checks and balances in payroll and benefits related issues within her department. Jueneman said the work flow is being evaluated and more checks and balances will be put in place. The Board also feels voluntary products offered to employees should be limited and a policy will be forthcoming.

Debbie Swoboda, Emergency Preparedness Director, said the County needs a couple of employees who would be responsible for volunteers and donations in the event of a disaster and that training classes are being offered in Clay Center in November. Swoboda asked permission to visit with the Clerk and the Treasurer to have their employees take the training classes. The Board agreed it should be employees within those two departments.

Commissioner Otott asked Jueneman to call First National Bank and find out why the benches from the FNB Fall Fest were still under the car port located at the future site of the health department.

The Board discussed a request made last week to store Hearts and Things items in the garage of the future health department. It was agreed that storage for something other than construction materials or contractor supplies could pose an inconvenience or possible hazard to contractors to work around; therefore, it would not be used for storage for Hearts and Things.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian, gave an update on new and finalized permits. Stamm asked permission to clean out file cabinets from the Economic Development office for use in the Sanitarian office. The Board allowed the disposal of old economic development files. Stamm said she will be attending a National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association conference in Denver. The conference is being paid for by KDHE.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, presented a weekly work report. Willbrant reported Hall Brothers will be doing road work north of Clifton this week and overlay work near Mahaska will be the next week. Crack and seal work in Hanover and at the airport will begin the end of October.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, discussed information received from the North Central Regional Planning Commission regarding the Health Department project.

Dan Seeberger, Hanover, asked about the Public Health meeting being held next week. Chairman Mueller said it is just an informational meeting to let people look at the new building and then discuss plans for the building. Seeberger also asked about the future of the ambulance service. Chairman Mueller said the way the County is currently set up provides the best coverage for all residents but feels the service may have to be a part of the County in the future as most counties in Kansas have moved to a county-wide service located in one community within the County. Seeberger asked why the Sheriff and Deputies are not AED certified because they are usually first on a scene. Chairman Mueller said the County tried to implement that several years ago but the Sheriff's office did not want to take the training. Chairman Mueller said the Board would discuss it again with the Sheriff.

The Board unanimously approved the following actions:

- Approved and signed official minutes for the month of September 2014.
- Signed minutes from Solid Waste Committee meeting held September 15th, 2014.

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- Signed a request to KDHE requesting a buffer zone reduction from the required 150 feet buffer zone at the landfill, per K.A.R. 28-29-302(e), to 40-45 feet buffer.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
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(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Denaë Jueneman, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner