

## COMMISSION MINUTES, September 22, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, September 22, 2014 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner, Chairman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Ouellette presented notes from his visit to the Marshall County Health Department. Marshall County spent approximately \$275,000 remodeling an existing building and that included the price of the building. This was done in lieu of building a new facility at a cost of \$950,000. The building has a little more than 3,000 sq. ft. and they have a budget of \$550,000. Washington County acquired an existing building to remodel for the new location of the Health Department at a cost of \$75,256 with 5,000 sq. feet. After the building purchase, Washington County Health Department has \$318,032 remaining in capital improvement for remodeling and has an annual budget of \$491,444.

Commissioner Ouellette also reported he had received information on upcoming Commercial Vehicle training classes for the Treasurer's office to attend and had forwarded the information to Ann Hawk, County Treasurer.

Chairman Mueller signed a payroll change notice for Garrett Andersen, Deputy, for completion of the Kansas Law Enforcement training.

The Board discussed the abuse of county cell phones for personal use and all agreed they have no tolerance for the abuse of a privilege and if it continues phones will be taken away. Chairman Mueller said having a cell phone is a luxury and not a necessity.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, asked if he should proceed with organizing a Free Day at the Landfill this Fall as was discussed in last weeks meeting. The Board agreed he should try it and see if it is as successful as the Spring Free Day. The Board and Bruna discussed giving cities a reduced rate at the Landfill when a city is cleaning up abandoned properties. Chairman Mueller made a motion to give cities a reduced rate of 20% on construction and demolition items at the Landfill for disposal of city-owned, condemned, and/or abandoned properties for the next year. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Bruna stated cities should contact him prior to disposal to ensure proper removal of items. Illegal dumping was discussed when Jueneman said she was contacted about debris on township roads. By resolution, there is a \$500 fine for illegal dumping. Questions and concerns about illegal dumping should be directed to Bruna.

Arlene Dague, Washington County Historical Society, reported repairs to the 1899 Sheriff's Residence and Jail located at 23 C Street, Washington, will be starting soon. The Historical Society was awarded a grant from the Heritage Trust Fund in the amount of \$20,000 for which the County is to provide matching funds. Jueneman was instructed to issue a check to the Historical Society for the County's matching funds so that work can begin on the repairs.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff; Kyle Applegarth, Undersheriff; Sheila Ouellette, 911 Director; Brad Owen and Ron Elsasser, Deputies; and Dan Thalmann, Washington County News, joined the meeting to discuss the Board's decision in December 2013 to no longer cover part time employees on the County's insurance policy. The Board said they would discuss the options with the insurance consultants and said they would have an answer in three weeks.

Sheila Ouellette gave an update on the new equipment in the 911 center.

Thalmann asked for an update on the Health Department facility.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, said Benesch Engineering submitted a grant application for repairs at the airport totaling \$200,000. If awarded, Washington County would have to provide a 10% match. Willbrant said the bridge projects that were funded by the Community Development Block Grant have been

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completed except for seeding. Willbrant asked permission to rent a drill for seeding because the seeding projects are too large for County equipment. The Board approved the rental. A bridge replacement located ¼ mile west of King Rd. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Rd. will begin the week of September 29<sup>th</sup> and will last 110 working days.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, provided information on the bid process for the County Health facility project.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

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Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner

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Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner

Attest:

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Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

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Gary Ouellette, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner