

## **COMMISSION MINUTES, January 26, 2015**

**The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, January 26th, 2015 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Tim Mueller, 1st District Commissioner; Roger Otott, Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, Vice-Chairman, 3rd District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.**

**The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 2nd, 2015 at 8:30 A.M.**

**Chairman Otott called the meeting to order.**

**Janice Kearn, County Health Administrator, reported on architect visits to the County Health Facility project. Kearn indicated she did not have a preference on which architect was selected but was concerned about the cost of the architects fees on the total cost of the project. Kearn said she did not want to be the sole contact on the project and expected the project to be completed together with the Board.**

**Jueneman submitted information on the Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan offered by the State of Kansas.**

**Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, submitted 2014 inventory.**

**Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian, presented quarterly permit report.**

**Don Alldredge, Janitor, reported work is on-going in repairing the leak on the heating elements on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse.**

**Gary Bontrag, Wellborn Sales, dropped in to meet Commissioner Mueller and to offer recommendations on applicants for the Road and Bridge engineer.**

**Deb Swoboda, Emergency Management Director, presented a resolution to adopt the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. The Board tabled the signing the resolution. Swoboda had samples of a new office configuration and new furniture. The Board agreed to allow the purchase of the new furniture.**

**Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, presented information on Kansas Open Records and Kansas Open Meetings Acts.**

**The Board asked Jueneman to contact Health Facilities Group to let them know they had been selected for architectural services for the County Health Facility project.**

**At 11:15, the Board and Jueneman began acting as the Public Building Commissioner. The Board returned to regular session at 11:35.**

**Dan Thalmann, Washington County News, expressed concern over the concept of the County Health Facility renovation project. He advised the Board he would be publishing an editorial in this weeks paper.**

**Roxanne Schottel, Washington County Hospital CEO, handed out unofficial minutes and the most recent financial statement. Schottel indicated the hospital is still looking for a place to house Hearts N Things.**

**Jim Finlayson, Interim Public Works Administrator, presented the weekly work report and informed**

the Board that the department is working on the salt bunker and raising the rafters in the shop for the new chip spreader. Finlayson said all employees, except for office staff, will be attending a mine safety training next week in Hanover. Finlayson asked if the Board wanted to overlay both the Mahaska and Barnes roads this year. The Board agreed that they should both be done this year. Finlayson estimated the two projects to require 3,000 tons of cold mix at a cost of \$190,000.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, presented the weekly jail report. Cordry said Deputy Riggs would be the K-9 handler. The Kansas Department of Corrections visited the law enforcement center recently to check the possibility of the facility handling State inmates. Cordry said the visit went very well but he will need to hire additional staff to handle the inmate increase should it happen. Cordry is in the process of hiring additional jailors.

A motion was made and seconded the sign the following. All motions passed unanimously.

\* 2015 County reorganization

\* Contract with Pawnee Mental Health Services for 2015 services

\* Official minutes

\* Agreement with BMI to execute the County FSA benefit

\* To enter into executive session with Duane Bruna regarding non-elected personnel

\* To hire Health Facilities Group for architectural services for the County Health Facility project

\* To enter into executive session with Jueneman and Hiltgen regarding non-elected personnel

\* To enter into executive session with Schottel, Hiltgen, and Lou Kern regarding financial issues

\* To sign a right-of-way agreement with Blue Valley Telecommunications at 1421 5th Rd.

\* To sign application for permit to construct a new bridge on Quivira Rd. South of 28th Rd.

\* To promote Jim Ouellette to Operator III and sign payroll change notice

\* To sign law enforcement agreement with Hanover

\* To enter into executive session with Cordry regarding non-elected personnel and security measures

No action was taken after returning to regular session from any executive session except for the executive session with Bruna in which Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to increase Hilary Johnson's starting pay to \$9.85. Commissioner Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.