

COMMISSION MINUTES, APRIL 7, 2014

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 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, April 14, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

The Board asked Becky Pannbacker, Washington County Senior Citizens, to be present at the meeting to discuss rent on Friendly Corners. Commissioner Ouellette stated that the City of Washington has paid some considerable expenses on the Friendly Corners building and he had received some complaints that rent was not being paid on a monthly basis even though Friendly Corners had agreed to pay monthly rent. Becky stated that Friendly Corners and the City of Washington have a verbal agreement that Friendly Corners would pay the City \$300 a month rent as long as they had the funds to do so.

Francine Crome, County Appraiser, presented a yearly contract with Kimble Mapping, Manhattan, to perform the County's 2014 GIS map maintenance. Commissioner Otott moved to signed the contract. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Denae Dimler, County Clerk, stated she and Kathy Fritz, Deputy County Clerk, performed ADA inspections at 4 potential polling sites last week. Denae asked Commissioner Ouellette to check on a complaint she received from a landowner in Brantford Township regarding fence on his property that he believed had been destroyed by a Township Motorgrader. Denae told the Board she was still waiting on information about abandoned cemeteries from the County Attorney.

The Board approved and signed official minutes from March 31.

The Board decided the deadline to submit budget requests for 2015 will be June 16.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, reported Free Days will be April 24, 25 and 26.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, and Kyle Applegarth, Undersheriff, reported there are 7 Washington County and 1 Nebraska inmates in the jail. Justin was asked by Dispatch to clarify that there wasn't a communication problem with the fire that occurred across State line 2 weeks ago.

The Board and Justin discussed options for the jail. Commissioner Ouellette had gathered information from three counties about the size of Washington County and the Kansas Department of Corrections. Commissioner Ouellette said that the County is not obligated to follow meal regulations if it is not housing State or Federal inmates. Of the three counties he contacted, two of them prepare their own meals and serve frozen convenience meals to their inmates. Commissioner Ouellette feels that it is a gross misuse of funds to hire someone for \$30,000, which is salary plus fringe benefits, to prepare meals for 3 to 5 inmates. He feels that all jailors needs to be cross-trained to prepare meals and that meals should be as inexpensive as possible.

Justin said he will be cross-training the newly hired employee so that she can perform jailor duties. Justin said he is striving to get more inmates in from other counties and has contacted Rep. Sharon Schwartz to contact KDOC about getting Washington County inmates from the State. Justin feels that, even though the County is not required to follow standards, the County should follow the standards in order to attract potential out-of-county inmates.

Chairman Mueller indicated that she has been getting feedback that the jail is costing the tax payers too much. The County will always have an expense in taking care of inmates but would like to find a way to minimize the costs. Chairman Mueller said she would like Justin to present a plan for the future and that there may be a deadline set by the Board to see if out-of-county inmates are a viable option to help cut costs.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, gave a weekly work report. David presented two quotes on tires. The Board asked him to contact other suppliers in Washington County and then select the low bid.

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Commissioner Otott moved to sign a local off-system bridge program application with KDOT T-Works. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board commenced acting as the Public Building Commission at 11:45 A.M. and adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

The Board reconvened as the BOCC at 11:50 and discussed various matters with Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

**BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Dimler, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner