

COMMISSION MINUTES, JANUARY 13, 2014

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 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 Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 8:30 A.M. Washington County Offices will be closed on Monday January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Janice Kearns, County Health Administrator, wanted clarification on discussion last week about purchasing vehicles from local dealers. Janice was told to let local dealers know what she is looking for and what she can spend so they have the opportunity to find a vehicle. Janice and the Board agreed that purchasing a car from an auction is not an option. Janice asked if the COLA raises given last week are for new hires who are still in training. The Board agreed that the raises will be given to those who are still in training. However, they indicated that this policy will be reviewed with the new handbook and is subject to change. Janice reported that she met with Scott Sawin to look at renovating Schoen's building in downtown Washington as the site for the new Washington County Health Department. Scott indicated that the repairs to the existing building are too numerous to give a ballpark figure on renovation and it would probably be cheaper to build on a new site. Plans were drawn up in 2010 by Hutton Construction for a new 6,100 sq. ft County Health Department but costs figures on that project have not been determined. Denae asked if this project fell under the Public Building Commission (PBC) and if it needed to go to a vote. Chairman Mueller said that this project is part of the PBC and that funds have been set aside for the project. If additional funds are needed for the project, then the type of funding needed would determine whether or not it would go to a vote.

The Board discussed recent postings on Facebook regarding transfers to reserve accounts. The Board expressed that issues involving County business are not best addressed online in social media. Chairman Mueller indicated that if residents have questions, she would like them to attend a BOCC meeting to ask questions and that employees, past and present, should defer questions to the BOCC.

The Board asked Denae to place a call to Doyle McKimmy, CEO of Washington County Hospital, to request his presence at the meeting.

The Board reviewed year-end inventory reports from Emergency Management and the County Clerk's offices.

The Board examined the annual report for Brantford Township.

Chairman Mueller signed an application for RARP rebate of \$605.49.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, reported the oil burning furnace in the warehouse needs to be replaced. Duane is accepting applications for laborer.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, reported there are 4 Washington County and 1 Marshall County inmates in the jail. Justin presented an amended contract with the City of Washington. Justin asked permission to purchase a pickup from GSA in the amount of \$23,609.76. The pickup is not pursuit rated but special packages can be added to increase speed and he will want to add a receiver hitch and deer guard at a later date. The Board approved the purchase to be paid from equipment reserve. Justin also asked permission to order eight 800 MHz handheld radios from Ka-Comm in the amount of \$13,812. He will need to order additional batteries at a later date. Existing radios are not compatible with radios in the patrol cars, ambulances or surrounding counties. The Board approved the purchase to be paid from equipment reserve. Justin indicated he would like to sell a patrol car on Nex-Tech again. The Board agreed that it would be fine to sell the car online.

Justin Dragastin, Kastl Powell, advised the Board that EMC Insurance does not have the renewal complete and he will bring it in on Tuesday, January 21st. Justin reviewed equipment and vehicles that were added and removed in 2013.

Hay bids were opened at 11:00 A.M. Four bids were submitted. Commissioner Otott made a motion to accept the bid from Marvin Heck. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Appointments:

- Communications Director – Sheila Ouellette
- County Health Administrator – Janice Kearn, R.N.
- County Health Officer – Janice Kearn, R.N.
- Consultant to the County Health Administrator – David K. Hodgson, M.D.
- Environmental Science Director – Duane Bruna
- Emergency Management Coordinator – Debbie Swoboda
- Emergency Management Alternate Coordinator – Alison Mueller
- Public Works Administrator – David Willbrant
- North Central Regional Planning Commission: Gary Ouellette

North Central Regional Juvenile Detention: Delegate: Roger Otott, Alternate: Alison Mueller

Heartland Works Representative: Denae Dimler

12th Judicial District Representative: Alison Mueller

Airport Advisory Board: Richard Hinkle (exp. Dec. 2016)

- Current Board Members:
- Dean Lovgren (exp. Dec. 2014)
- Brad Portenier (exp. Dec. 2014)
- Sharon Pierce (exp. Dec. 2015)
- Neil Bekemeyer (exp. Dec. 2015)

Pawnee Mental Health: Anita Bott (exp. Dec. 2016)

- Current Board Members:
- Mary Tate (exp. Dec. 2014)

Washington County Hospital Board: Lou Kern (exp. Jan. 2018)

- Current Board Members:
- Ewald Ohlde (exp. Jan. 2017)
- Ted Lillie (exp. Jan. 2015)
- Jody Ouellette (exp. Jan. 2016)
- Rebecca Holsch (exp. Jan. 2016)
- Dustin Rogge (exp. Jan. 2015)
- Richard Baskerville (exp. Jan. 2015)

Holidays for 2014

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| New Years Day | Wednesday, Jan. 1 |
| Martin Luther King Jr. Day | Monday, Jan. 20 |
| Presidents Day | Monday, Feb. 17 |
| Good Friday | Friday, April 18 |
| Memorial Day | Monday, May 26 |
| Independence Day | Friday, July 4 |
| Labor Day | Monday, Sept. 1 |
| Veteran's Day | Tuesday, Nov. 11 |
| Thanksgiving | Thursday, Nov. 27 |
| | Friday, Nov. 28 |
| Christmas | Thursday, Dec. 25 |
| | Friday, Dec. 26 |

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

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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