

COMMISSION MINUTES, JANUARY 21, 2014

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 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, January 27, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Denae Dimler, County Clerk, presented payroll and bills totaling \$412,703.50.

In last weeks reorganization, Richard Hinkle was inadvertently reappointed to the Airport Board. His appointment does not expire until next year. The position that needed reappointing is held by Sharon Pierce.

The Commissioners unanimously approved the following actions:

- To appoint Sharon Pierce to the Airport Board.
- To sign Resolution 01-14 urging the Kansas Legislature and Governor Sam Brownback to retain the mortgage registration fee.
- To accept 2014 Noxious Weed Management Plan.
- To sign one year permits for collection, transportation and/or disposal of solid waste at Washington County's solid waste disposal area with C&M Refuse, Durflinger Disposal Service, and Jones Trash Service.
- To award bid for Courthouse Security panic buttons to Pugh Communications, Wamego, Kansas, as only bidder.
- To designate Twin Valley Developmental Services as Washington County Service Provider.
- To designate Twin Valley Developmental Services as Washington County Community Developmental Disability Organization.
- To sign agreement between the City of Washington, Washington County Fairboard, and Washington County to use and maintain real estate and facilities located within the City limits of Washington.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, presented Noxious Weed Management Plan for 2014 and the annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2013. Duane questioned appraisal values in Hanover. He had examples of four homes that sold in 2013 for about one half the appraised values. Chairman Mueller indicated that if houses are selling for less but values are not decreasing, citizens can protest the values in the County Appraisers office. If the protestor is not satisfied with the Appraisers answer, they can protest values with the Kansas Court of Tax Appeals.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, was unable to attend the meeting but called in to report there are currently 4 Washington County inmates in the jail.

The Board reviewed annual inventories for the County Treasurer and the Register of Deeds. The Board received notice that the annual Conservation District meeting will be held February 1st at 6:30 p.m. in Washington County High School.

Justin Dragastin, Kastl Powell Agency, presented the 2014 property and workers compensation insurance renewal. Premiums increased 4%. Chairman Mueller asked about earthquake coverage. Justin said EMC is preparing a quote for coverage.

The Board told Denae that, in accordance with new procurement procedures, the Clerk's office will need to send out invitations to bid property insurance and workers comp at the same time invitations to bid health insurance are sent out which is typically in the last quarter of the calendar year.

David Willbrant, Public Works Director, presented weekly work report. Commissioner Otott asked about the stockpile near Palmer. David said it's for sealing. David said the County received an Improvement Program Award to rout and crack seal the Airport runway (not to include the entrance). The cost of the project is \$206,000 with 90% paid by KDOT and 10% paid by the County. The Board did not make a decision on whether or not to proceed with the project. David indicated he wants to seal North Street in Hanover in 2014. The annual Township meeting will be held February 26th. David asked permission to take ACI Training in Salina for 3 days so the County would have an employee who could perform bridge and construction inspections. The Board agreed this was valuable training. David had an email from Van Keppel about used

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chip spreaders. The Board told David to call Van Keppel and let them know that the County may be interested in purchasing one of the spreaders.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, presented payment order 14-02 to pay Hutton Construction a partial fee on the hospital project. The Board and Elizabeth discussed the new County procurement procedures. Elizabeth indicated she would have the final procedures available at next weeks meeting for signature.

Ed Henry, Twin Valley Developmental Services, presented December's medical transportation costs. There were a total of 16 rides given to County residents for a total of \$2,933.75 which will be paid for with County funds.

Bill Keesecker, Washington County Fairboard, presented a fee schedule for building rentals at the Fairgrounds.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 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