

COMMISSION MINUTES, June 2, 2014

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 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, June 9, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Leo, Sharon, and Doug Schwartz stated they would like a bridge near their property in Farmington Township replaced rather than closed which was noted in last weeks' minutes. They expressed concerns over closing the bridge because the roads along that property are not sufficiently maintained by the Township. They also suggested other options of a low water crossing or fixing the roads as opposed to replacing the bridge. Chairman Mueller indicated the County would look into the feasibility of a low water crossing.

The following five bridges are under consideration for closure: Eagle and .1 mile north of 20th Road, 21st Road and .2 miles east of Liberty, 7th Road and .6 miles west of Heritage, 9th Road and .5 miles east of King, Liberty and .4 miles south of 7th Road. The Commissioners would like input from the public regarding these bridges and ask the public call the County Commissioners or come to the next meeting.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, said his department sprayed weeds at the County airport. Bruna also said it appears they are gaining control of thistles in the County. Bruna received a call from Clay County requesting Washington County accept non-recyclable plastics at the Washington County landfill that the Clay County Board of Commissioners does not want to store at the Clay County landfill. The Board denied the request.

Deb Swoboda, Emergency Preparedness Director, submitted an application for emergency management performance grant funds. Chairman Mueller signed the application.

The Board asked Dimler to send out a reminder that 2015 budget requests are due June 16th and a letter to those who receive appropriations that the Board also wants the 2014 year-end financial statement in addition to the budget request.

Carl Chalfant, Carolyn Scoville, Lisa Voelker, and David Voelker, representing Washington and Linn EMT respectively, presented reports showing runs, calls, and expenses for the last 5 years for all four County ambulance services. Representatives from Clifton and Hanover were unable to attend the meeting but their statistics were also presented by Scoville. The group indicated that all locations need new equipment and EMT's but they are unable to support a staff or purchase new equipment on the current budget. Scoville is currently offering an EMT class in Washington and there are 4 from Hanover, 4 from Linn, and 1 from Washington taking the class. This will help increase staff for the County but more staff is needed. The group stated they would appreciate the Board considering an increase in funding in 2015.

David Willbrant presented weekly work report. Willbrant hired Jeremy Miller as summer help. Chairman Mueller signed payroll change notice for Miller.

The Board reviewed Sherman Townships annual report.

The Board commenced acting as the Public Building Commission at 11:35 A.M. and adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

The Board reconvened as the BOCC at 11:55 A.M.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, reported in to the meeting but had nothing to discuss.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, reported there are currently 5 Washington County, 1 Nebraska, and 1 work release inmates in the jail. Commissioner Otott asked if the inmates are required to do any cleaning or work in the jail. Cordry said the inmates clean the pods but they are not allowed to work in the kitchen. Cordry asked permission to replace a jailor who will be leaving in July. The Board granted permission to advertise to fill the position.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

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(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Dena Dimler, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner