

COMMISSION MINUTES, MARCH 24, 2014

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

--These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Washington County Board of Commissioners at their next meeting. Prepared by Denae Dimler, County Clerk.

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, March 24, 2014 in the Commission Room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1st District Commissioner, Chairman; and Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner. Denae Dimler, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes. Roger Otott, 2nd District Commissioner, Vice Chairman, was absent.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, March 31, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Janice Kearn, County Health Administrator, informed the Board she purchased a Jeep Patriot from Kellogg's in Washington. The Board opened bids from Pony Express Auto for Dodge Journey's and Janice reported she had an individual call wanting to sell his vehicle.

Denae Dimler, County Clerk, reported on election training she and Kathy Fritz, Deputy County Clerk, attended the last 2 weeks. Denae said she has secured locations for the 2014 elections in Hanover, Barnes, Linn, Clifton and Washington. She is still working on a possible location in Haddam.

The Board asked Denae to place a call to a concerned citizen regarding a cemetery in Coleman Township that is not being maintained.

The Board placed a called to Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director, regarding a fire over the weekend near State Line. There were problems with communications between Kansas and Nebraska firefighters and the Board had concerns about equipment. After discussing the issues with Sheila, the Board asked Debbie Swoboda, Emergency Management Director, to join the meeting. The Board and Debbie discussed options available to communicate with other frequencies in the event of emergencies. Debbie indicated the County has a device to communicate across frequencies but training needs to be done to use it properly. She will check into it and get back with the Board.

The Board approved and signed official minutes from March 10 and March 17.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, reported on an Emergency Management Debris meeting he attended last week. Duane said he will be getting together with Debbie Swoboda to create a plan for the handling of debris after a disaster.

Fairy Peters, mother of Matthew Peters, phoned into the meeting and told the Clerk that the family of Matthew would like to make a donation to the Sheriff's office for their work in finding Matthew. Denae said she would visit with the Board to discuss the procedure for accepting donations and would return her call.

The Board discussed three issues concerning the City of Washington.

The Board asked Denae to contact Becky Pannbacker with Washington County Senior Citizens and ask her to attend one of the next meetings.

Marlene Stamm, Sanitarian, presented a monthly report.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, gave a weekly work report.

The Board unanimously approved the following motions:

1. To approve low bid to Babe Green for the purchase of a vehicle.
2. To pay Concordia Fire Chief, Eric Vauss, \$50 for two classes he conducted in Washington on NIMS training.
3. To sign a Hangar Lease with Dean Lovgren.

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Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, discussed various matters with the Board.

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 A.M.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, reported there are currently 3 inmates in the County Jail. Justin presented information on options for inmate meals since the current provider is pulling out of their contract due to low numbers. The Board asked Justin to figure out the cost per meal so they could see some comparisons. The Board and Justin also discussed future options for the jail and whether or not it is cost effective to remain open.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 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