

COMMISSION MINUTES, MAY 12, 2014

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 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, May 19, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, introduced Garrett Andersen as a newly hired Deputy. Denae swore in Deputy Andersen.

Denae submitted bills and payroll totaling \$281,653.13. Denae reported on the Kansas County Clerk and Election Official Association meeting she attended last week.

Commissioner Otott said he was asked to find out what an election costs the County when it has several voting places versus one polling place. Chairman Mueller retrieved audits from 2004 to 2012 and said elections average \$60,000 in Non-Presidential election years and \$75,000 in Presidential election years. Polling places were reduced to one location for the 2012 elections. The audit showed \$75,585 was spent in the 2012 Presidential election confirming there were no savings to reducing polling places to one location.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, found an enclosed double-door trailer on Craigslist to replace the recycling trailer that burned in Linn last month. The Board approved the purchase of the trailer for \$3,000. Duane handed out results of the items collected during Free Days at the Landfill in April. Commissioner Ouellette and Commissioner Otott have both received complaints regarding a letter sent out by the Environmental Science Department indicating the Weed Supervisor would be entering various properties to inspect weeds and asked Duane to call property owners prior to entering any property. K.S.A. 2-1330 authorizes County Weed Supervisors free access to enter upon premises and to inspect property to administer state weed law but the Board feels that getting permission before entering would be more appropriate. However, the Board feels Duane should have permission from the landowner prior to entering any property. Chairman Mueller agreed and asked Duane to try it for one year and document responses and they will review the policy again next year.

Justin reported there are currently 4 Washington County and 1 KDOC inmates in the jail. Justin asked to start a newly hired Deputy above the salary guidelines due to the new employee having a Bachelor's Degree. Commissioner Ouellette and Commissioner Otott voted against the request while Chairman Mueller was in favor of raising the starting wage for that employee by \$0.25. Denae presented Justin with memorial funds from the Matthew Peters family who donated the memorial money to the Sheriff's office for their efforts in finding Matthew.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, presented weekly work report. David reported on the Kansas County Highway Association meetings he attended last week. David provided the Board with a spreadsheet of the departments vehicle fleet showing the aging fleet and the need to replace some vehicles. No decision was made.

Larry Bruna, Hutton Construction, gave an update on the hospital project.

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

Janice Kearn, County Health Administrator, asked permission to sell two vehicles Purple Wave. The Board approved the sale.

At noon, the Board and David began reviewing maps of bridges in the County that are in need of repair. The list was narrowed down to those bridges that are in need of immediate repair, replacement or closure. David will compile the list and a bridge tour is scheduled next week to view those bridges.

The commissioners unanimously approved the following action:

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1. To approve participation in and adoption of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Region served by the NCRPC and sign Resolution 05-14.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Denaë Dimler, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner