

## COMMISSION MINUTES, October 13, 2014

The Board of County Commission (BOCC) for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the Commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner, Chairman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner; and Gary Ouellette, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner. Denae Jueneman, County Clerk, was present to record meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Jueneman submitted bills and payroll totaling \$297,806.00. Jueneman presented an informational flyer for the Boards approval regarding an upcoming Medicare seminar. The Board approved the flyer and it will be published in the newspapers next week.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, advised the Board he will be out this Wednesday at a conference and that Free Days at the Landfill will be this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, and Kyle Applegarth, Undersheriff, reported there are currently 2 Marshall County and 8 Washington County inmates in the jail. Cordry asked permission to purchase a truck this calendar year to continue replacing his aging fleet. Cordry would like to purchase a 2015 Dodge pickup at a cost of \$24,000. The Board approved the purchase. Mueller asked Cordry if the Deputies are CPR certified because there were questions last week. Cordry replied that all Deputies have their CPR certificate and because they take the class through Washington City, they are also AED certified. Cordry would like to get 2 AED devices for the law enforcement center and eventually get one in each patrol car but it is not financially feasible at this point. However, Cordry will be getting a trauma pack for each patrol car this year. Mueller presented information to Cordry regarding the Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance policy that the County carries. Mueller said that there is nothing in the law stating that the County cannot grandfather in 2 part-time employees on the County's insurance policy. However, the County's health insurance is a Grandfathered plan and if the County loses that status, all employees of the County would run the risk of either losing their insurance coverage or only being allowed a single plan. Mueller further stated that the County cannot jeopardize insurance for all employees and there isn't another option for the County but to go with the decision made at the end of 2013 to no longer provide insurance for employees who work less than 30 hours a week. The Board asked Jueneman to go over the options available for the individuals losing coverage. Jueneman said she would also prepare a letter to the employees and get copies to Cordry.

Bids for a chip spreader lease purchase were opened at 11:00. Four bids were received.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, presented a weekly work report. Willbrant discussed applications received for an equipment operator position open in Public Works.

Larry Bruna, Hutton Construction, presented a mid-point summary on the Hospital project.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, asked Larry Bruna about pre-electrical services and whether or not the bidding for that service should be done with or without demolition and asbestors removal on the health department project. Two weeks ago, Lou Kern, Washington County Hospital Board Member, asked the Board to consider writing a letter of credit in the amount of \$500,000 to be included with an application to the USDA Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program which is a zero percent interest loan program to be used for equipment at the hospital. The Board asked Hiltgen to find out if a letter from the Board is an acceptable form for the letter of credit.

Sheila Ouellette, 911 Communications Director, and Theresa Herra, Deputy Communications Director, asked for guidance on policies regarding who gets called out during injury accidents. S. Ouellette was approached by four Fire Departments asking her to change the policy and start calling Fire Departments for all injury accidents. The Board told S. Ouellette to send out correspondence to all Fire Chiefs in the County and get their input before changing the policy. Once a policy is decided upon, the Board asked S. Ouellette to bring it in for the Board's approval.

The Board unanimously approved the following actions:

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- To accept the low bid for a chip spreader lease from Kaw Valley in Clifton at 2.9% for a three year lease purchase.
- To sign a utility permit for JBN for fiber south of Barnes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

(SEAL)

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Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner

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Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner

Attest:

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Dena Jueneman, County Clerk

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Gary Ouellette, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner