

## COMMISSION MINUTES, August 5, 2013

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, August 5, 2013 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; Gary Ouellette, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner; and Denae Dimler, County Clerk.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2013 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Alan Stigge, Washington, attended the meeting to express concerns regarding the ditches and road width on 18<sup>th</sup> Road.

At last weeks meeting, Wiley Kerr, Mahaska, asked the Board to view problems with the roads around Mahaska. Gary Ouellette, Commissioner, said he drove to Mahaska this past week to view the problems and spoke to Wiley Kerr about the problems after he inspected the roads. Alison Mueller, Commissioner, said she did some research on how asphalt can be repaired when it is as badly damaged as the roads around Mahaska. The Board agreed that they will continue looking into options and repair will need to be done within the next year.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, presented weekly work report. Jeremy Miller, seasonal employee, will be leaving his position the end of this week to return to school. Roger Otott, Commissioner, made a motion to accept a quote for repair of the Public Works shop buildings' roof by Washington Roofing and Insulation, Great Bend, KS. Gary Ouellette, Commissioner, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Sciences Director, hired Daniel Kurtz on an as needed basis to do shredding for the County.

Barbara Donovan, Hanover and Tuttle Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) Coordinator, presented information to the Board about the program. The long term goals are to protect and restore water quality and storage. Additionally, WRAPS goals are to preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, control flooding, and protect the productivity of agricultural lands. Tuttle Creek WRAPS, along with other state and federal conservation programs, has cost-share available to help producers adopt management practices to address water quality problems. Maps, project information and applications are available at the CD/NRCS office. A Fall tour highlighting completed projects is being scheduled for October in Washington and Marshall Counties.

Deb Swoboda, Emergency Management Preparedness Director, presented the Board with an application for emergency management performance grant funds. Roger Otott, Commissioner, moved to sign the application. Gary Ouellette, Commissioner, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Deb also indicated there will be an LEPC meeting at 5:30 p.m. on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Denae Dimler, County Clerk, presented bills and payroll totaling \$244,471.96.

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Justin Cordry, Sheriff, was unable to attend. Kyle Applegarth, Undersheriff, phoned in jail count. There are currently 2 Washington County and 1 Marshall County inmates in the jail.

Don Alldredge, Janitor, presented an estimate for a security system to be installed in the Courthouse Elevator. The Board had asked for an estimate as the County is preparing to implement the new Kansas Concealed Carry Law.

The Board placed a phone call to Murray Dague, Washington Township Board Member, and asked him to join the Board meeting to discuss issues on 18<sup>th</sup> Road. Murray joined the Board meeting and told the Board what the Township is doing to resolve the problems.

John Denney, CPA with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, joined the meeting to go over the 2014 budget and prepare a notice of budget hearing. The 2014 budget summary is published in this issue of the newspaper. A budget hearing for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> in the County Commissioners room of the Courthouse, 214 C St., Washington. Detailed budget information is available at the Washington County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, reviewed letters written by the Public Works Administrator and the Environmental Sciences Director. Elizabeth indicated there would be Public Building Commission (PBC) meetings at 9:00 a.m. on August 14<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> in the County Commissioners room of the Courthouse, 214 C St., Washington.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45.

**BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

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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 Dimler, County Clerk

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