

COMMISSION MINUTES, May 20, 2013

The Board of Washington County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2013 in the commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Present: Alison Mueller, 1st District Commissioner, Chairwoman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner; Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner; and Denae Dimler, County Clerk.

Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairwoman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Leonard Bartels expressed concerns over the quality of products being put on county roads.

Jim Scheetz, Hanover Mayor, inquired about the procedures for assistance with clean up measures from the storms and tornados over night on Saturday. Jim also wanted to know if the City of Hanover or the County was responsible for 2 bridges in the City of Hanover. Both bridges are the responsibility of the City of Hanover. However, because of the size of the one of the bridges, that bridge is inspected every 2 years by the Engineers on contract with the County.

Denae Dimler, County Clerk, inquired about year-end budget requests. Budget requests for 2014 will be due on or before June 10th. Hanover is planning a "color for a cure 5K walk/run" on June 15th and asked for permission from the Board to allow participants to run/walk on County roads. The Board approved the use of County roads provided law enforcement is present to ensure the safety of the participants. The Board also approved two notices related to the CDBG Bridge Grant. The Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds will be published in the Washington County Newspaper this week.

County offices will be closed May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

Ann Hawk, County Treasurer, inquired about the possibility of longevity raises for office staff since there is nothing in the salary guidelines for additional pay increases for office staff like there is for non-office personnel.

Lou Kern, Public Building Commission (PBC) Project Manager/Coordinator, told the Board that a walk-through of the hospital and an inventory of all equipment and mechanical items will be done by the Health Facilities Group on May 29. Public meetings will be held to hear comments and input on the proposed renovation/addition. Representatives from Hutton Construction, Health Facilities Group, Doyle McKimmy, CEO of Washington County Hospital and other PBC members will be at the public meetings. Meetings will be held on June 5th at the Kloppenberg Center in Hanover at 12:00 noon; at Linn City Hall at 3:00; and at First National Bank in Washington at 6:30.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Sciences Director, reported on routine matters and asked the Board to establish guidelines on the landfill accepting storm damage items.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, was unable to attend but called in and reported that the jail has 12 inmates.

Ryan Kern, Washington Mayor, returned a phone call to the Board regarding storm debris. The Board told Ryan that if the City of Washington needs to take tree debris to the landfill, then the whole tree needs to go out not just the trunks because burning the trunks alone would take years. Ryan indicated that the City's dump site is full so the Board told him that the City could take all storm debris to the county landfill.

David Willbrant, Public Works Director, reported on routine matters.

Payroll change notices were signed for Gary Rieth, who resigned from Public Works; Nathan Edgar, Nathan Schuessler, and Eric Helms who were hired as seasonal laborers for Public Works.

Deb Swoboda, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented a Proclamation of a Local Disaster Emergency for Washington County, Kansas. A motion was made to approve the Proclamation, seconded and approved.

The Board broke for lunch at noon.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, joined the meeting to discuss county contracts and the process of advertising for job openings at the county level.

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Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health Executive Director, and Anita Bott, Pawnee Mental Health Board Member, asked that Washington County maintain the funding of Pawnee Mental Health Services at \$30,000 annually for 2014. The Board will consider this when they review budget requests in June.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m..

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(SEAL)

Alison Mueller, Chairwoman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Denaë Dimler, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner