

COMMISSION MINUTES, September 23, 2013

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, September 23, 2013 in the commission room at the Washington County Courthouse. Members present: Alison Mueller, 1st District Commissioner, Chairman; Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner; Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner; and Denae Dimler, County Clerk.

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

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Janice Kearn, County Health Administrator, reported that she looked at Schoens Food Store as a possible location for moving the County Health Department. The building would need a lot of work so the Board told Janice to talk to contractors and get estimates.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, presented a 12 month contract where Washington County employs, as an independent contractor, Marlene Stamm d.b.a NCK Environmental, LLC, to implement and enforce the Washington County Sanitary Code.

Denae Dimler, County Clerk, reported that a representative with Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties, KWORCC, stopped by the Courthouse last week and wanted to present a bid to cover Workers Compensation insurance needs. KWORCC currently provides workers compensation insurance for 66 of the 105 counties in Kansas. Denae presented the bid to the Board. Switching to KWORCC would save the County nearly \$25,000 a year. The Board said they would consider it and tabled it for later discussion.

Gary Caspers, Cloud County Commissioner, called the Board about joining KWROCC. He is a Board Member with KWORCC and wanted to encourage Washington County to consider switching.

Last week, Commissioner Otott made a motion to not publish minutes until they become official minutes by the approval and signatures of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed. However, this week, after many discussions with constituents and the media, Commissioner Otott made a motion to rescind the motion made last week. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dan Thalmann, Washington County News, expressed concerns in waiting for minutes until they are approved and official. He said that it is standard procedures for almost everyone in this area to get them out either the day of or the day after the meeting. The Board told Dan that they had already rescinded the motion from last week so Denae Dimler, County Clerk, will continue to send out the minutes within a day or two of the meeting so that it makes the newspaper for that week.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Science Director, submitted payroll change notice for Cade Uhlik who resigned to return to school. Duane indicated his department is preparing to spray weeds along county roads and would like more participation from townships in the program. He will be contacting townships to see if they are interested in participating in the program.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, reported there are 4 Washington County and 1 Republic County inmates in the jail. He also reported on the program of installing a new Computer Aided Dispatch system in the Law Enforcement Center.

Sheila Ouellette, Communications Director, and Theresa Herra, Deputy Communications Director, informed the Board that the Next Generation 9-1-1 is coming in the next year. The 9-1-1 office will need new computers and office furniture to accommodate the changes and they wanted input on how to budget and pay for the changes in their office.

The Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Initiative has established the foundation for public emergency communications services in a wireless mobile society. The Nation's current 9-1-1 system is designed around telephone technology and cannot handle the text, data, images and video that are both increasingly common in personal communications and critical to future transportation safety and mobility advances. changes in the public's use of technology - the growing market for both wireless and voice-over-internet protocol (VoIP) telephony (e.g., Skype or Vonage) and the increasingly nomadic world they reflect - are contributing to greater expectations for connections than the existing 9-1-1 system can deliver. The spread of highly mobile, dynamic

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communications requires capabilities that do not exist today for 9-1-1 emergency call centers when people look to connect during emergencies.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, presented weekly work report and reminded the Board that bids for the bridge grant project are due on the 30th and the Purple Wave auction ends October 8th.

Brad Waller and Michael Heigert, representatives with Alfred Benesch Company, a civil and structural engineering company, discussed updated needed at the Washington County Veterans Memorial Airport. Waller and Heigert said the runway and the parking lot need crack and joints sealing. The modernization and preservation project cost would total around \$150,000 to \$200,000. They also said there is a grant available through KDOT that would cover all but 10% of the project. The Board told them to submit the application to KDOT and then if Washington County is selected to receive the grant, the feasibility of proceeding with the project will be discussed further at that time.

Marlene Stamm, Sanitarian, presented monthly work report. Commissioner Otott made a motion to sign the one year contract mentioned above with Marlene. Commissioner Ouellette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Justin Dragastin, Kastl Powell, presented a change in the insurance policy on the boiler in the Courthouse.

The Board broke for lunch noon and resumed regular session at 1:00. At 1:30, the Board began acting as the Public Building Commission. The PBC meeting ended at 3:30 at which time the Board began acting as the Board of County Commissioners.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, and Diana Svanda, Payroll Clerk, joined the meeting. Diana requested clarification on calculation of overtime.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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Alison Mueller, Chairman, 1st District Commissioner

Roger Otott, Vice Chairman, 2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

Denae Dimler, County Clerk

Gary Ouellette, 3rd District Commissioner