

COMMISSION MINUTES, September 9, 2013

The Board of County Commission for Washington County met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 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 16, 2013 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order.

Walter Brothers is replacing sections of the sidewalk around the courthouse. Don Alldredge, Janitor, asked the Board if they could replace a slab of cement in front of the shed on the north side of the courthouse that has several cracks. The Board agreed to have Walter Brothers do the work since they are currently replacing the sidewalk around the shed.

Denae Dimler, County Clerk, reminded the Board that there is a Board of Health Workshop in Russell on the 12th. Commissioner Ouellette indicated that he may be able to attend and would contact the organizers to get registered. Denae indicated the employment contract with Marlene Stamm, Sanitarian, is expiring October 1st. Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, is working on the contract. Denae advised the Board that she is in receipt of the public notice regarding an existing cattle facility located at 2048 All American Rd., Hanover. The public notice will be posted in the entrance of the courthouse until the expiration date of October 5, 2013.

Duane Bruna, Environmental Sciences Director, presented work report and upcoming projects.

Justin Cordry, Sheriff, reported there are currently 3 Washington County, 3 Marshall County, and 1 Republic County inmates in the jail. Justin said he sold a decommissioned patrol car.

Elizabeth Hiltgen, County Attorney, presented the Board with real estate closing papers for the sale of 40 acres that Keesecker Agri Business Inc. purchased at the auction on August 12, 2013.

The Board received a call from Arlene Dague, Washington County Historical Society, reminding the Board to write a letter of support for a grant application that Arlene is submitting for improvements to the Washington County Jail & Sheriff's Residence located at 23 C Street, Washington which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Chairman Mueller drafted a letter of support which will be prepared by Denae Dimler and returned to the Board during the next regular meeting for their approval and signature.

David Willbrant, Public Works Administrator, presented weekly work report. Commissioner Otott received complaints regarding tree limbs over B Street which blocks the view of vehicles trying to enter B Street. David indicated this is a City of Washington issue and he will talk to the city regarding the tree limbs. The Board told David they had received complaints about roads in Kimeo Township being too narrow and the ditches too deep. David said his department is doing work for the township but his department is building the roads and ditches as the township board of directors indicated. David inquired about funding for road projects and equipment purchases in 2014. Chairman Mueller advised David that equipment purchases would be determined by how much the Public Works Department could carry over to 2014 and road projects can be funded by a county-wide retailer sales tax that is collected for improvement of existing asphalt roads.

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Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants, presented information on the consulting services provided by PIC. PIC partners with employers across Kansas to help meet employee benefit needs.

Janice Kearns, County Health Administrator, placed a call into the session indicating the air conditioning unit in the Health Department had failed over the weekend. The Board approved the replacement of the air conditioner.

Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to sign a one year contract with PIC. Commissioner Otott seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Larry Nicholson, Hanover, questioned values of unregistered experimental aircraft. Chairman Mueller visiting with Francine Crome, County Appraiser, and returned to the session telling Larry that his next step in disputing the value was to file an appeal with the County Appraiser.

The Board began acting as the Public Building Commission at 1:00. The PBC session ended at 1:30. The next meeting will be held in the basement of the Washington County Hospital on September 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Justin Dragastin, Kastl Powell Insurance Agency, offered a letter of thanks for doing business with them and a yearly dividend check.

Representatives with the Kansas Department of Agriculture along with representatives from FEMA, Olsson Associates and Anderson Consulting, engineering mapping contractors, gave a power point presentation on the National Flood Insurance Program. The maps have been available for public viewing since June in the Clerk's office in the Courthouse. The maps are also available online at <http://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload>. Starting in October, there will be a 90 day appeal and comment process. The new and final maps will go in effect in the Summer of 2014.

Deb Swoboda, Emergency Preparedness Director, asked permission to purchase fire prevention materials for county school children. The Board approved the purchase.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.