



**WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS**  
**County Courthouse**

January 30, 2015

**MEETING OF THE**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT**  
**COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 2, 2015  
5:30 p.m.  
Washington County Quorum Court Room

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order. JP Tom Lundstrum will call the meeting to order as senior member of the County Services Committee.
2. Introduction of Committee Members. Members of the 2015-16 County Services Committee are: Daniel Balls, Robert Dennis, John Firmin, Tom Lundstrum, Eva Madison, Sue Madison, and the JP to be appointed by the Governor for District #2.
3. Selection of Chair/Vice Chair.
4. Adoption of Agenda.
5. Review of the Responsibilities of the County Services Committee. The responsibilities of the County Services Committee include review of policies concerning delivery of county services to citizens that do not involve construction or infrastructure needs.
6. Establishment of Regular Meeting Time. The County Service Committee meeting today is the Monday, 17 days prior to the regular Quorum Court meeting, at 5:30 p.m. in the Quorum Court Room.
7. Year End Reports for 2014:
  - Washington County Planning – Juliet Richey, Director (7.1)
  - Washington County Animal Shelter – Angela Ledgerwood, Director (7.2)
  - Washington County Environmental Affairs – Sophia Stephenson, Director (7.3)
  - Information Technology – John Adams, Director

8. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2014-06 Pertaining to Community Sewer Systems. This ordinance has been drafted by the county Attorney and is being brought to the committee by JP Tom Lundstrum. (8.1, 8.2)
9. Other Business: Any other business to be discussed by the Committee will be brought up at this time.
10. Public Comments.
11. Adjournment.

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### Planning Department Services

#### **Development Review and Approval Processes:**

- **Lot Splits-** Administrative lot splits and lot line adjustments (in-office, handled completely by planning staff, does not have to be reviewed by the Planning Board)
- **Subdivisions-** Must be heard by the County Planning Board. Staff completes a thorough review, compiles all information and makes a presentation/recommendation to the Planning Board
  - Minor Subdivisions (subdivisions of 4 lots or less)
  - Subdivisions (more than 4 lots created)
  - Replats of existing subdivisions
- **Large Scale Developments-** Must be heard by the County Planning Board. Staff completes a thorough review, compiles all information and makes a presentation/recommendation to the Planning Board
  - High Impact/Industrial Large Scale Developments (Mining Operations, etc)
  - Regular Large Scale Developments (condos and other multi-family developments, commercial developments, etc)
- **Cell/Communication Towers-**
  - Cell tower and other commercial tower review (Some approvals can be administrative; some must go before the County Planning Board)
  - Review the addition of new antennae arrays (almost always administrative)
- **Conditional Use Permits-** Must be heard by the County Planning Board. Staff completes a thorough review, compiles all information and makes a presentation/recommendation to the Planning Board. Must be ratified by the Quorum Court (appeals are also heard by the Quorum Court).
  - All new desired uses other than single family residential (1 unit per acre) or agricultural require a CUP (within a zoned area)

#### **Mapping:**

- Create and maintain digital planning maps. These consist of zoning maps, city planning area maps, utility maps, transportation zone maps, and others
- Make any digital maps need by the Quorum Court
- Make some specialized digital maps for citizens upon request
- Create special project maps for other County departments, some smaller cities, and other agencies (ie. Agricultural Extension office, etc)

#### **Compliance:**

- Investigate any complaints received in regard to zoning or land development violations
- Look at all 911 addresses for zoning, lot split, and floodplain requirements
- Process all Additional Dwelling Unit applications (process to assure that septics, building spacing, and water hookups are safe and compliant when more than one dwelling is placed on a single parcel of land)

**Census:**

- Work with the Census Bureau on a yearly basis in regard to geographical boundary issues, etc.
- Integral part of each 10-year census process in regard to outreach, publications, and information dispersal/ education

**Floodplain:**

- Stay in compliance with all FEMA regulations in order for citizens of the County to be able to purchase federally backed flood insurance
- Create digital maps of all structures located in the floodplain in the County
- Maintain several Certified Floodplain Managers on staff
- Biennial reports to FEMA.
- During times of flooding perform field checks, etc
- Integration of FEMA flood plain maps with GIS program.
- Regulate development with flood hazard areas/issue floodplain development permits – (i.e.- plat and plan review & address application review for new structures)
- Educate the public on the National Flood Insurance Program
- Attend educational workshops to further education in regards the National Flood Insurance Program as it relates to Washington County

**General:**

- Answer all manner of general property questions for County citizens (i.e. Help them find deeds, help them understand legal descriptions, help them find covenants and deed restrictions, help them find surveys, easements, etc)
- Are involved with the Regional Planning Commission- attend several meetings for them monthly
- Draft ordinance changes and updates to all ordinances pertaining to the planning office (with help of County Attorney)
- Analyze statistics and data from a number of sources to make maps or send info to QC or County Judge.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
 QUORUM COURT SERVICES COMMITTEE/PLANNING BOARD  
 Dec 16, 2014 to Jan 15, 2015  
 PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT  
 Juliet Richey, Director**

WASHINGTON COUNTY STAFF REVIEWED AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVELY:

**8 PROJECTS (INVOLVING 10 LOTS)**

**5 EXEMPTION SPLITS - Total of (10) lots**

Planning Area		County
Prairie Grove (1)		(4)

**0 FAMILY SPLIT - Total of (0) lots**

Planning Area		County
(0)		(0)

**0 CELL TOWER ARRAYS**

Planning Area:		County
(0)		(0)

**3 LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS**

Planning Area		County
Fayetteville (1)		(2)

AT THE JAN 08, 2015 PLANNING BOARD / ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE HEARD:

**One Conditional Use Permit Hearing- APPROVED**

1. **Cook's Rentals CUP** – Conditional Use Permit Request. Project is located solely within the County. (1.57 acres / 2 units) -Proposed land use: Single Family Residential.

**One Land Development Hearing- TABLED**

1. **Reindl Woods Subdivision** – Preliminary and Final Plat Approval Request. Project is located within Fayetteville's Planning Area. (44.09 acres / 13 lots (8 Residential, 1 detention, 4 common area) - Proposed land use: Single Family Residential

THE FEB 05, 2015 PLANNING BOARD / ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

**One Land Development Hearing**

1. **Reindl Woods Subdivision** – Preliminary and Final Plat Approval Request. Project is located within Fayetteville's Planning Area. (44.09 acres / 13 lots (8 Residential, 1 detention, 4 common area) - Proposed land use: Single Family Residential

QUORUM COURT APPEAL HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED ON FEBRUARY 12, 19, and 24, 2015:

**One Conditional Use Permit (previously denied by the Planning Board):**

1. **Rich Red Dirt** - Conditional Use Permit Request. Project is located within Fayetteville's Planning Area. (122.00 acre parcel, approximately 10 acres slated for mining) -Proposed land use: Open Pit Red Dirt/Clay/Gravel Extraction.

## Shelter Report 2014

### January Through December

	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Dogs</u>
Animal Control	398	840
Adoption Returns	7	45
Foster Returns	194	181
Transfer Returns	3	10
Owner Surrender	<u>402</u>	<u>226</u>
<b>Total Animals In</b>	<b>1004</b>	<b>1302</b>
Adopted	267	498
Died at Shelter	6	1
Escaped	0	0
Fostered	178	185
Reclaimed	5	122
Transferred to Rescue	189	72
TNR transfers	121	0
Rescue Waggin' transfers	0	258
Euthanized		
Behavior/Sick/Injured	236	173
Time in Shelter/Space	0	9
<b>Total Animals Out</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>1318</b>

**Euthanized for time in shelter-space / total animals in = 9/2306 = 0.003**

**E -Rate of Adoptable Animals less than 1/2%**



## WASHINGTON COUNTY SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

### 2014 Report

#### Program Overview:

Eligibility for the Washington County Spay/Neuter Program is limited to county residents who do not reside within the city limits of an incorporated city, whose population is in excess of 10,000, and whose annual family incomes do not exceed the current Low Income Limits for Washington County as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Proof of income is required; and there is a \$10.00 non-refundable fee per application with no more than seven (7) animals approved for any household in a calendar year. Arkansas Law requires a current certificate of vaccination for rabies signed by a licensed veterinarian. If an applicant cannot present a certificate, they are required to pay an additional non-refundable fee of \$10.00 for the Animal Shelter to vaccinate the animal and issue a certificate. Services must be utilized within 45 days of approval date.

#### 2014 Applications:

The Washington County Animal Shelter received a total of **433** spay/neuter applications for 2014; of which **390** surgeries were performed with **20** surgeries scheduled for January.

**23** applications were voided:

- 14 – Applications Expired (45 days)
  - 1 – Already Spayed
  - 1 – Could not catch cat
  - 1 – Animal Deceased
  - 1 – Animal too old
  - 2 – Only wanted rabies vaccination.
  - 3 – Animals did not pass physical exam

#### Income:

\$ 4,330 Non-refundable application fee (\$10.00)  
\$ 3,790 Rabies vaccination fee (\$10.00)  
 \$ 8,120

#### Limitation:

- 1 applicant has exhausted their total allowed applications (7) for 2014  
 Linda Stith – 2089 S. Harris, Fayetteville (rural)

#### Disapproved Applicants:

- 4 applicants disapproved:
  - 4 – Household resides inside the city limits of Springdale

**INTAKE REPORT**  
December 31, 2014

	Cats	Dogs
<b>Washington County</b>		
Animal Control: Strays/Impound	13	62
Adoption Returns	0	2
Returned from Fostering	9	19
Return from Other	0	0
Owner Surrender	35	16
<b>Contracted Cities</b>		
Elkins	0	3
Elm Springs	0	0
Farmington	5	7
Goshen	1	0
Greenland	0	0
Johnson	0	3
Prairie Grove	0	0
Tontitown	0	0
West Fork	3	1
Winslow	0	0
<b>DEC 2014 Intake</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>113</b>
Jan-Nov 2014 Intake	938	1189
Ending Census 2012	45	111
Intakes 2013	804	1223
<b>TOTAL INTAKES</b>	<b>1853</b>	<b>2636</b>

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**DISPOSITION REPORT**  
December 31, 2014

	Cats	Dogs
Adopted	36	62
Euthanized sick/injured/aggression	18	9
Euthanized for space	0	0
Fostered	0	9
Reclaimed	0	7
Transferred to rescue	15	2
Rescue Waggin' Program	0	31
TNR Program	21	0
Died on Shelter	1	0
Escaped	0	0
<b>DEC dispositions</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>120</b>
Jan-Nov Dispositions	911	1198
<b>TOTAL DISPOSITIONS</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>1318</b>

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**CENSUS REPORT**  
December 31, 2014

	Cats	Dogs
# Adoptable Animals	38	42
# Animals Being Evaluated	6	12
# Animals Temporarily Fostered	2	11
<b>CENSUS November 30, 2014</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>65</b>

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**SHELTER INCOME FROM CITY CONTRACTS**

2012 INCOME	2013 INCOME		2014 INCOME												
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
\$ 170.00	\$ 510.00	Elkins	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 255.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
\$ -	\$ -	Elm Springs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 425.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00
\$ 2,210.00	\$ 11,815.00	Farmington	\$ 1,870.00	\$ 595.00	\$ 595.00	\$ 765.00	\$ 1,105.00	\$ -	\$ 1,615.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 935.00		\$ 1,530.00	
\$ 170.00	\$ 1,530.00	Goshen	\$ 85.00	\$ -	\$ 255.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 170.00	
\$ 170.00	\$ 850.00	Greenland	\$ 425.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 510.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ 255.00		\$ 340.00	
\$ 340.00	\$ 1,445.00	Johnson	\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ 255.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ 255.00	\$ -	
\$ 255.00	\$ 4,335.00	Prairie Grove	\$ 255.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 425.00	\$ 340.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
\$ -	\$ 595.00	Tontitown	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 340.00	\$ -	\$ 255.00	\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ 170.00	\$ -	
\$ 855.00	\$ 5,950.00	West Fork	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00	\$ -		\$ 595.00	\$ -	\$ 1,105.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 850.00	\$ -	\$ 425.00	\$ 850.00	
\$ -	\$ 340.00	Winslow	\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ -		\$ 85.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
\$ 4,170.00	\$ 27,370.00	<b>Total Deposits</b>	\$ 2,975.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 680.00	\$ 3,145.00	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 1,785.00	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 3,145.00	\$ 23,205.00

2012 Contract Income                   \$ 4,170.00  
 2013 Contract Incorr.e               \$ 27,370.00  
 2014 YTD                                 \$ 23,205.00  
**TOTAL CONTRACT INCOME           \$ 54,745.00**

**ADOPTION/RECLAIM FEES**

2012		2013	2014
	JAN	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 4,705.00
	FEB	\$ 3,170.00	\$ 1,146.00
	MAR	\$ 6,270.00	\$ 906.00
	APR	\$ 2,152.00	\$ 1,733.00
	MAY	\$ 2,890.00	\$ 2,590.00
	JUN	\$ 2,387.00	\$ 757.00
	JUL	\$ 2,370.00	\$ 1,035.00
	AUG	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 1,640.00
	SEP	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 2,890.00
	OCT	\$ 2,075.00	\$ 2,510.00
	NOV	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,817.50
	DEC	\$ 1,779.50	\$ 2,530.00
\$ 9,560.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 35,343.50	\$ 24,259.50

**SPAY/NEUTER DEPOSITS**

	2014
JAN	\$ 710.00
FEB	\$ 930.00
MAR	\$ 910.00
APR	\$ 810.00
MAY	\$ 340.00
JUNE	\$ 560.00
JULY	\$ 630.00
AUG	\$ 680.00
SEPT	\$ 470.00
OCT	\$ 810.00
NOV	\$ 740.00
DEC	\$ 530.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 8,120.00

**PETSMART CHARITIES REIMBURSEMENT**

	2014
MAY	\$ 2,189.85
JUNE	\$ 595.65
JULY	\$ 1,429.56
AUG	\$ 1,429.56
SEPT	\$ 1,270.72
OCT	\$ 1,151.59
NOV	\$ 778.40
DEC	\$ 833.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 9,679.24

**Humane Society of the Ozarks**

	2014
AUG	\$ 907.12
SEPT	\$ -
OCT	\$ 216.92
NOV	\$ 336.00
DEC	\$ 669.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 2,129.76

**SHELTER DONATIONS**

2012 DONATIONS	MONETARY	PRODUCT	EST. VALUE
SEPT-DEC		Litter, food, clothes, cat beds, dog beds, food dishes, treats, canned food, poop bags, sponges, surgical gowns, surgical drapes, betadine, syringes	\$ 800.00
<b>2012 DONATIONS</b>			<b>\$ 800.00</b>

2013 DONATIONS	MONETARY	PRODUCT	EST. VALUE
JAN	\$ -	Toys, food, litter, scoops, etc	\$ 200.00
FEB	\$ -	Food	\$ 25.00
MAR	\$ 35.00	Food, toys, treats	\$ 130.00
APR	\$ 215.00	Food, treats, supplies	\$ 40.00
MAY	\$ 963.55	Treats, supplies, litter	\$ 138.00
JUN	\$ 348.20	Pools, towels, food, treats, bowls, shampoo	\$ 304.00
JUL	\$ 417.50	Pools, towels, food, treats, bowls, shampoo, Small Refrigerator (ALWC-\$125)	\$ 604.00
AUG	\$ 527.76	Food, supplies, toys, pools, office supplies & refreshments for the staff	\$ 573.00
SEP	\$ 635.00	Blankets, litter pans, scoops, bowls, toys, microchips, towels, pet taxi's	\$ 380.00
OCT	\$ 301.02	Treats, supplies, dog food, bedding, towels	\$ 205.00
NOV	\$ 791.00	Clinic equipment(ALWC \$16966.92)-K & K Vet Supply (\$4808.00)	\$ 22,069.92
DEC	\$ 190.00	Canned & dry food, toys, treats, bedding	\$ 214.00
<b>2013 DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 4,424.03</b>		<b>\$ 24,882.92</b>

2014 DONATIONS	MONETARY	PRODUCT	EST. VALUE
JAN	\$ 475.00	Leashes, dog food, toys, bowls, treats	\$ 100.00
FEB	\$ 270.00	Leashes, dog food, toys, bowls, treats	\$ 143.00
MAR	\$ 266.00	Clinic equipment, dog food, litter, toys	\$ 602.00
APR	\$ 258.00	Blankets, towels, food, shampoo	\$ 35.00
MAY	\$ 527.00	Scratching post, toys, food, towels (Atwood's \$1250.00 dog food) (Harp's \$497.00 food)	\$ 1,832.00
JUN	\$ 160.00	food, cotton balls, q-tips, rawhides, tarps, toys, baby wipes	\$ 310.00
JUL	\$ 277.00	Food	\$ 417.95
AUG	\$ 773.63	Surgical Instruments (555.00) food, beds, soap, detergent, PSC rawhides (5000.00)	\$ 5,652.00
SEP	\$ 40.00		\$ -
OCT	\$ 395.00	Food & Toys	\$ 60.00
NOV	\$ 1,482.56	towels, dog food, toys, beds, blankets, treats, metal fabrication (175.20)	\$ 225.20
DEC	\$ 110.00	towels, dog food, toys, beds, blankets, treats, soap, baby wipes, detergent, cat food	\$ 1,000.00
<b>2014 DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 5,034.19</b>		<b>\$ 10,377.15</b>



**NON-PAID VOLUNTEER/STAFF HOURS**  
Dec 2014

	P/T Volunteer	/T Volunteer	Director	Office Mgr	Vet Tech	Vet Tech	Vet	Admin Asst	Kennel 1	Kennel 2	Kennel 3	PT	
Office Help	-												
Clinic Help	-												
Adoption Counseling	-												
Socialization	4.50												
Photography	-												
Cleaning/Bathing/Walking	-												
Miscellaneous	-												
Petfinder	9.75												
Outside Events	-												
Male Inmate 309	135.00												
Male Work Release	573.00												
Female Inmate	240.00												
8 hrs x 20 days=160 reg. hrs			160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	152.00	152.00	160.00	160.00	80.00	<b>1,504.00</b> Total - Employee Regular
Overtime Hours Worked			29.00	42.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	17.50	5.75	12.75	8.75	-	<b>190.75</b> Total - Employee Overtime
Total Actual Hours Worked			189.00	212.00	190.00	190.00	180.00	169.50	177.00	172.75	168.75	80.00	<b>1,729.00</b> Total - Employee Hours Worked
Volunteer Hours Worked	962.25												<b>962.25</b> Total - Volunteer
													<b>2,691.25</b> Total - All

# Washington County Environmental Affairs and Recycling Services and Programs

Staff: Five full-time employees and one part-time  
 Annual budget: \$161,240 for goods and services

## *Recycling*

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### Rural Recycling

- Provide twice monthly mobile recycling at Lincoln and Elkins
  - Aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic bottles #1 & #2, mixed paper, newspaper, cardboard, and batteries

### Internal County Recycling

- Recycling provided in 11 county buildings
- Depending on location materials collected, include aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic bottles #1 & #2, mixed paper, newspaper, cardboard, toner and ink cartridges, electronic waste, batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs
- Shredded paper from the Veteran Services, Maintenance and Operations, and JDC goes to the Animal Shelter

### School Recycling

- Provide technical assistance to the rural school districts
- Coordination of transporting recyclables for 20 different campuses
- Record keeping and reporting of materials recycled

## *Special Waste Collection*

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Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Facility located at Washington County South Campus.

- Household hazardous waste - pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, fluorescent lamps, mercury items, paint, pressurized containers, and batteries
- Electronic waste – TV's, computers, stereos, printers, scanners, fax machines, copiers, game systems, laptops, cell phones, CD's, and DVD's
- Scrap metal and metal appliances
- Medical sharps – used needles and lancets from people who have to self-inject medications
- Tires

### ***Medical Sharps Disposal Program***

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We provide free quart-sized sharps disposal containers for people with diabetes, allergies, arthritis, and other ailments who must self-inject medications. Containers can be picked up at 30 local participating pharmacies and the Washington County Health Unit. Residents will then take their full containers to the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Facility. In rural areas where haulers are physically picking up bags of trash to put in the back of a truck, used sharps that are not appropriately contained are a serious worker safety issue.

### ***Education***

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Education is available to all ages of the county. Outreach efforts focus on solid waste and resource conservation.

#### Topics include

- Recycling
- Trash and landfills
- Recycled art
- Composting/worm composting
- Household hazardous waste
- Natural resources and conservation

#### Avenues of education:

- Classroom presentations
- Community events
- Electronic newsletters
- Website and brochure development
- Teacher professional development
- Solid waste tours

### ***Solid Waste Enforcement***

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The goal of our office is to work with the responsible party to clean up the junk and properly dispose of trash. We have one environmental enforcement officer who covers the unincorporated areas of the county. He is a licensed Illegal Dumps Control Officer commissioned by the State of Arkansas to enforce state solid waste regulations and the following county ordinances

- Junkyard and automobile graveyard
- Burned structure
- Unsightly/unsanitary

#### Areas of enforcement

- Burned Structure
- Burning Trash
- Junkyards
- Open Dumps
- Roadside Dumps and Litter
- Trashy Yard



## *Stormwater*

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We administer the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System program for the urbanized, unincorporated areas of the county. We have six minimum control measures we have to meet in order to be in compliance with state and federal regulations.

- Public Education and Outreach\*
- Public Participation and Involvement\*
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Runoff Control
- Post Construction Site Runoff Control
- Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping

\*We contract with the University of Arkansas to conduct the first two minimum control measures.

We assist the County Road Department with their stormwater program required for road projects and dirt pits. This includes weekly and quarterly site inspections, writing the stormwater pollution prevention plans, and submitting annual reports to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

## *Special Events*

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- We sponsor Spring and Fall County Cleanups to allow residents an opportunity to dispose of furniture, bulky items, and building materials for free.
- Host a Free Electronic Waste Roundup
- Assist annual community cleanups – Lee Creek, West Fork of the White River, Lake Fayetteville, East Fork of the White River, Middle Fork of the White River, and Mt. Kessler
- Co-administer an Adopt-a-County Road program with the Road Department

# WASHINGTON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND RECYCLING

## Services and Programs *January - December 2014*

### SERVICES

#### Rural Recycling

- Elkins: 22 tons
- Lincoln: 23 tons

County Facilities Recycling: 17 tons

#### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility

- Electronics: 89 tons
- Scrap metal: 28 tons
- Motor oil: 3,600 gallons
- Medical sharps: 2,000 pounds
- HHW: 24 tons
- Average customers/week: 169

#### Technical Recycling Assistance

20 rural school campuses

#### Sharps Disposal Containers

30 participating pharmacies

### EDUCATION

4,019 education contacts through classroom presentations, community events, public outreach, and conducting teacher professional development.



### SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT

- Burned Structure – 3
- Burning Trash – 10
- Junkyard – 9
- Open Dumps – 20
- Other – 5
- Roadside Dumps – 86
- Roadside Litter – 19
- Trashy Yard – 30
- **Total Cases— 182**

### STORMWATER ENFORCEMENT

- Assist with administration of Road Dept. permits – 11 sites

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Spring and Fall County Cleanups: collected **459 tons**
- Free Electronic Waste Collection Event: **30 tons**
- Assisted with cleanups at the following locations: East Fork of the White River, Middle Fork of the White River, West Fork of the White River, Lake Fayetteville, Lee Creek, and Mt. Kessler

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-\_\_\_\_\_

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06 PERTAINING TO COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2014, the Quorum Court enacted Ordinance No. 2014-06 which amended Washington County Code 11-99.1 regarding community sewer systems; and,

WHEREAS, there is a desire to further amend such.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. All community sewer systems are required to have a back-up generator in the event of power outage, said generator to be approved by the Washington County Public Utilities Coordinator.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

Votes For: \_\_\_\_\_ Votes Against: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstention: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_



ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06

BECK FLETCHER  
CO. & PROBATE CLERK  
WASHINGTON CO. AR

2014 FEB 21 PM 3:00

FILED

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT  
OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,  
STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE  
TO BE ENTITLED:

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING  
WASHINGTON COUNTY CODE 11-99.1  
REGARDING COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, at the beginning of 2005 the County enacted ordinances regulating community sewer systems due to rapid growth and lack of state regulation; and,

WHEREAS, the Rural Development Authority was authorized to promulgate regulations regarding such; and,

WHEREAS, said power was later conferred upon the County Judge; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has implemented laws and regulations regarding these types of systems such that there is no longer a need for the County to extensively regulate said systems, except to set standards in certain areas; and,

WHEREAS, continuation of the Ordinances and Regulations create a financial hardship for owners and operators of these systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. Washington County Code 11-99.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. This ordinance shall be effective upon passage as to the unincorporated portions of the County. Said ordinance will become effective as to the Cities of Fayetteville and Farmington upon termination of the Interlocal Agreements with said cities.

Sec. 11-99.1. - Community sewer systems.

(1) "Community sewer systems" also known as "decentralized sewer systems" are defined as follows: Any system serving two (2) or more individual lots for the collection and disposal of domestic or industrial wastewater of a liquid nature, including various devices for the collection, conveyance and treatment of the treated wastewater effluent and the monitoring of the affected groundwater quality and the management of the associated solid waste byproducts (septage and sludge).

~~(a) Community sewer systems are also defined as more than one (1) septic system that utilizes a common area for lateral lines and/or utilizes a common area for the alternate area as required by the Health Department.~~

(2) To ensure compatibility in the event of annexation, all community sewer systems located within two miles of any incorporated city shall be designed as "gravity flow" unless the city most likely to annex the area where the system is located prefers otherwise. The Public Utility Coordinator shall make this determination after consulting with the cities involved.

(a) Gravity flow means water or waste water flowing through a higher elevation to a lower elevation due to the force of gravity without aid of individual lot interceptor tanks. This shall not exclude lift stations.

~~The responsible management entity (RME) as defined and determined by the County Judge of Washington County shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Health Department and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.~~

(3) All community sewer systems shall contain a SCADA (Supervisory and Data Acquisition) system as follows:

(a) Automatic call-out or text to emergency contact number during alarm event.

~~The RME shall charge a sufficient rate or fee that includes reserves for operation and maintenance, emergencies, and capital improvements; the County Judge is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations concerning such, and is also given the authority to administer all other terms of this Ordinance; and promulgate any additional regulations it deems necessary.~~

(4) Prior to construction plan approval pursuant to Washington County Code 11-74, proof of application from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality showing a permit has been applied for and is deemed Administratively Complete shall be submitted to the Public Utility Coordinator.

(5) Prior to receiving Final Plat approval pursuant to Washington County Code 11-75, proof of the operation permit from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality shall be submitted to the Public Utility Coordinator.



(6) This ordinance shall be enforceable by appropriate civil action by the County Judge.

~~The RME shall within ninety (90) days from the date of this article report to the County Judge the following:~~

- ~~(a) The name and location of the land development to be served by said system and the type of system that is being utilized;~~
- ~~(b) The number of lots or units if applicable to be served by said system;~~
- ~~(c) The rate or fee that will be charged to the property owner or user to be served by said system.~~
- ~~(d) The amount of reserves that will be built into any rate or fee along with evidence indicating how these reserves are adequate and appropriate to provide long-term sustainable system performance and compliance with permits;~~
- ~~(e) The legal entity that will own and retain the services of the licensed operator of the system and the exact name, address and phone number of said entity and operator;~~
- ~~(f) A copy of the contract to be executed for the operation of the system;~~
- ~~(g) Plans to enforce and collect the rate or fee to be charged; and~~
- ~~(h) Any other matter deemed relevant by the County Judge.~~

~~(5) The RME shall report to the County Judge, upon request, any matters relevant to the operation of said system including, but not limited to operation and maintenance issues, environmental issues, financial matters, customer service issues, and any other matter deemed relevant by the County Judge. A bond in an amount to be determined by the County Judge shall be posted, by the RME to ensure compliance with this section and any regulations promulgated hereto.~~

~~(6) This Ordinance shall be applicable throughout the unincorporated area of the County including the extra-territorial growth area of any incorporated City. This Ordinance shall not be applicable in the event any such system is or becomes owned, maintained, or operated by an incorporated city or other public entity. In the event that an incorporated city or other public entity enacts ordinances or rules and regulations concerning said systems, then the more stringent provisions shall apply.~~

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~~(7) A violation of this section or any regulation promulgated hereto by the County Judge shall be enforceable by appropriate civil action by the County Judge. Such civil remedy shall include but is not limited to injunctive relief, civil sanctions, removal of the RME, the owner, and/or the operator from operating or in any other manner managing said system; attorneys fees and any other costs related to any civil action.~~

~~(8) This section does not authorize the County, any County Department, Board, or Commission to take ownership, permanently or temporarily, or to take over operation or maintenance of any such system.~~

~~(9) No land development that will utilize a Community Sewer System may receive final approval until the following information has been supplied to the Public Utility Coordinator on behalf of the County Judge:~~

~~(a) The name and location of the land development to be served by said system and the type of system that is being utilized;~~

~~(b) The number of lots or units if applicable to be served by said system;~~

~~(c) The rate or fee that will be charged to the property owner or user served by said system;~~

~~(d) The amount of reserves that will be built into any rate or fee along with evidence indicating how these reserves are adequate and appropriate to provide long term sustainable system performance and compliance with permits;~~

~~(e) The legal entity that will own and retain the services of the licensed operator of the system and the exact name, address and phone number of said entity and operator;~~

~~(f) A copy of the contract to be executed for the operation of the system;~~

~~(g) Plans to enforce and collect the rate or fee to be charged; and~~

~~(h) Any other matter deemed relevant by the Public Utility Coordinator.~~

~~(10) The Public Utility Coordinator shall participate in all plat reviews and sign the final plat indicating compliance with this section.~~

~~(11) This section is hereby amended to also be applicable to any such system located within the corporate limits of any incorporated city upon execution of an interlocal agreement that addresses the financial responsibilities of the parties to said agreement.~~

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**ARTICLE 3. Emergency Clause:** It is hereby determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Washington County that this Ordinance go into effect immediately, as the current ordinance and rules and regulations create hardships for owners and operators of community sewer systems. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be, and is, effective from the date of its passage.

  
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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: Butch Pond  
Date of Passage: February 20, 2014  
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Abstention: 1 Absent: 1