

MINUTES

HARVEY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

HARVEY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Harvey County Courthouse

Community Room

May 3, 2016 , 7 p.m.

Members present: Lynne Vigil, Philip Kimerer, Jack Bender, Carol Buller, Wayne Alison, Duane Miles, Mike Koehn. Gina Bell and Karen Jacobs

Guests: Wendy Mosiman

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Vigil.

- 1. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kimerer, with a second by Buller. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. Bender made an amendment to the minutes from April 5, 2016. The amendment was to correct spelling of a word. Alison's name was also corrected in two places on the minutes.
- 3. The motion to approve minutes with correction was made by Kimerer and seconded by Buller. They were approved unanimously.**
4. **The guest at the meeting did not wish to speak in public forum.**
5. No executive session was needed.
6. In the administrator update Bell told the board she had attended the KAPZO in Burlington last week. She said she toured Wolf Creek while there and learned a lot of things about how other counties are handling the requests for small acreage building. She said in the Manhattan area there were overwhelming requests to build. They implemented a rule that any acreage could file for a permit but all permits went to the planning commission and they application was 7 pages and you had to prove how you would use the property for agricultural use. She said they reported this has pretty much shutdown the requests to build. Bell also reported that the office remains very busy with some issues in the works that are taking a lot of time to work on.
7. The board discussed the Bylaw changes. Jack asked for a change in wording for Article 1, Section 2, he wants the wording of "the city" to read "any city". In section 3 he said the word maybe needs to be may be. In Article 3, section 8, recording of minutes Bender wants it stated that minutes are posted on Harveycounty.com after they are approved. He also asked about staff suggesting regional be removed from name. Bell feels that it is more appropriate to call it county than regional. Bender also requested the revision date be updated. The board tentatively approved the map dividing the representation areas for the changes to a 9 member board. The board asked for final updates to be made to the bylaws for approval next month.
8. Bender brought up that he wished to have the oath of office. He asked why this can't be done. Bell said it hasn't been done and there are a lot of unanswered questions about it at this time.

Who would swear them in? What official wording would be? She said her and Jacobs had spent 3 hours that day looking into the request by him. At this time no answers were found but she assured him that it was being taken seriously and the staff was looking into. Kimerer felt it was good publicity to take an oath and have the newspaper out to take photos so people know what they are doing. He suggested asking county counsel and the attorney general office what their take is whether it is required. Kimerer would like to see it done shortly following election of officers.

9. **Alison made motion to adjourn. Bender seconded. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.**