

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 23, 2013**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 23, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

There were no items added to the agenda.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The October and November REAP meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month instead of the second Monday.
2. Several events are scheduled throughout the County this Saturday, including the Walton Fall Festival, the Burrton Fall Festival, Newton Young Professionals Winetasting Event, the Chili Cook-off, the aerobatic competition at the Newton City/County Airport, and the Party in the Park music festival at Camp Hawk.

Minutes of the September 16 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner reminded the Commissioners that they are scheduled to meet with the Prairie View Board on Friday, Sept. 27 to discuss the healthcare reform in Kansas. This will include discussion of the changes in billing for the Medicaid population.
2. There are three trustee positions up for election at the KCAMP annual meeting to be held on October 30 during the KAC meeting. The Commissioners have no additional nominees to add to the ballot.
3. To comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Rich Hanley, Director of Harvey County Department on Aging, presented a procedure for citizens who use the Harvey County Transportation system to file complaints if necessary. The procedure will be posted on public bulletin boards in the County Courthouse and in the Law Enforcement Center to notify the public. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the notification and complaint procedure for posting. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he met last Friday with Advanced Correctional and met the new employees who will be providing inmate healthcare for the Detention Center. With their assistance, he was able to finalize the policy and procedures for medical care at the Detention Center. He reported that the blood alcohol content threshold for admittance there has been lowered from .35 to .30. He also reported that he will be meeting with the food provider to review the rules and regulations of their program. The Sheriff's Office had a very busy weekend with several DUI arrests, domestic violence, burglary, and a rollover accident.

5. Byron Warta reported that the final regional aerobatics competition will be held this Saturday, Sunday, and Monday at the Newton City/County Airport. A flying team from France will be here for the competition and some of them will be at the Aviation Commission meeting this afternoon. Mr. Warta also gave the Commissioners a copy of a list of EDC prospects and gave a brief update on what the EDC is working on. Stan Brodhagen will again travel to Germany and will be contacting 28 companies.
6. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, said they are beginning the agreed upon road projects in Walton this morning. They are also dismantling the bridge structure at SE 48<sup>th</sup> and South Rock Road in preparation for the delivery and placement of a repurposed railroad tank car which will become the bridge structure. The tank car will be delivered between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday. The resealing project on South Hertzler Road will be completed on Wednesday. The resurfacing of Lincoln Boulevard in Hesston will begin on Friday.
7. The Commissioners received information from Treasurer's Office detailing the number of driver's license transactions by month. The in-county transactions are fairly stable, but the out-of-county transactions have varied significantly. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the Treasurer has made the decision to take commercial registrations beginning January 1, 2014. The tag office will need to close from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on October 9<sup>th</sup> for staff to be trained. The Driver's License Office and Tax Office will remain open that day.
8. Anthony obtained the Chairman's signature on the notification of grant award for the Emergency Solutions Grant.
9. Counselor Greg Nye reported that the journal entry for the tax foreclosure sale was filed last Friday. The Sheriff's sale date will likely occur in about four to six weeks. The owners of the parcels can redeem the property by paying the taxes, interest, and court costs until the day prior to the sale. Notice will be mailed to each of the tract owners in addition to the published notice. Several tracts have been separated out from the list of parcels because of denials. They will be dealt with separately so the sale of the remaining parcels can proceed. Approximately 90 tracts remain and will be sold separately at the sale.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$141,123.11 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Byron Warta reported that he renewed his driver's license a few weeks ago and that he had a very pleasant experience. The staff is very nice and efficient and does a fantastic job in the Driver's License Office.

Commissioner Krehbiel inquired as to when the brush that collected around bridges during the flooding last summer will be cleaned up. Jim Meier said they will work on the shoulder on South Hertzler and then start cleaning up the brush which will be pulled away from the structure and then burned.

The Commission took a short break.

Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, presented the Community Corrections Fiscal Year 2013 Year End Report and Comprehensive Plan. The objective of Community Corrections is to hopefully keep probationers from returning to prison. The goal dictated by the State Department of Corrections is that they have at least a 75% success rate or a 3% increase from the previous year. The revocation rate is reduced by behavioral modification techniques. The highest risk probationers continue to use illegal drugs, fail drug and alcohol treatment programs, and abscond. They are likely unemployed, associate with other offenders, and have a bad attitude orientation. Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections success rate is 68.6%. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the HMCCC Comprehensive Plan and Fiscal Year 2013 Year End Report and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Heidi Huber, Solid Waste Clerk, presented a list of over 400 parcels that have delinquent solid waste fees for the 2012 tax year. Solid waste fees cannot be paid separately from regular taxes, therefore indicating that if regular taxes are delinquent, the solid waste fees are also delinquent. According to K.S.A. 65-3410, a hearing must be held to hear any protests or objections to the delinquent solid waste fees. The list was reviewed and a brief discussion was held. Heidi explained how solid waste fees are calculated. The public hearing was convened at 10:25 a.m. There were no citizens present for the hearing. John Waltner explained that the solid waste fee was begun in 1996 in an effort to control the tipping fees at the Landfill. The hearing was closed at 10:27 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

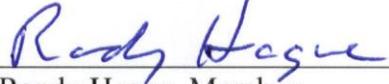
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