

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 18, 2013

Chairman Westfall called the regular meeting of the Board of Harvey County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. All three Commissioners were present.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Chairman Westfall reported that Newton Medical Center announced that they will also provide \$25,000 to the community health collaboration of Prairie View, Health Ministries, and the Harvey County Health Department.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that a company that builds ballistic shelters is locating in Halstead in the old Skyline Industries building.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners will attend the Planning and Zoning Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, November 26. The Harvey County Farm Bureau Association Legislative forum is to be held on the same date, so the Commissioners will not be able to attend.
2. The last Park Board meeting of the year will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The new Director of Parks will be introduced there.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend the Community Corrections meeting in Moundridge this evening at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes of the November 12 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner reminded the Commissioners that the Emergency Management Exercise to be held in the Community Room will take place on Thursday, November 21 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
2. John reported that there is a possibility that the water line extension project on the east side of West Park could be completed before the end of the year. The initial estimates for the project were very low so estimators were asked to submit a formal bid. John talked with the Westar Green Team, who has indicated that they could do the trenching for the water line with help from some of the employees at West Park.
3. The camp hosts who are working to repaint the shelter house at West Park have finished scraping, caulking, and painting the windows. Paint for the walls and ceiling will be purchased so the project can be completed.
4. The Commissioners received a copy of a communication from the KAC about the efforts of the Kansas Bankers Association and the Kansas Association of Realtors to repeal the mortgage registration fee during the 2014 session. The revenue loss to Harvey County would be \$318,940 and revenue loss for the entire state would be \$46,648,356. They also received a graph which indicates the state's reduction in

- demand transfers from 1992-2013 in the LAVTR fund is \$797,226,446. In addition, the CCRS fund shows a loss of \$660,678,727 during the same period.
5. The Commissioners received a picture of the completed Boy Scout project at the Osage Nature Trail at East Park. A kiosk for the trail was constructed as an Eagle Scout Project.
 6. John, Anthony Swartzendruber, and Dave Ryan met with representatives from 360 Energy Engineers and Terry Stewart from the State FCIP program on Thursday, November 14. They agreed upon Investment Grade Audit was begun.
 7. John reported that he will not attend the Commission meetings to be held on November 25 and December 2 as he will be out of town.
 8. Rich Hanley, Director of Department on Aging, and Karen Kaufman, Transportation Coordinator, presented a grant application to be submitted to KDOT for the purchase of a ramp accessible mini-van to replace a 2009 mini-van that is currently being used. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the application and sign a letter of support for the continued operation and service of the Harvey County Transportation Program. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 9. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he attended the Sheriff's Association Conference last week. They are seeking clarification from the Attorney General regarding concealed carry by employees in public buildings. During the 2014 legislative session they will attempt to clarify some of the language in the new law involving concealed carry in public buildings. There was also discussion there about the possible repeal of sales tax on gasoline for law enforcement vehicles. He also reported that the ERT team was called last Friday to assist with the prevention of a suicide at Maxwell Game Preserve in McPherson County.
 10. U.S. Attorney General Grissom will be at the Law Enforcement Training Center for a meet and greet at 5:00 p.m. on November 19th.
 11. Byron Warta reported that there will be a meeting of the Kansas Water Authority in 10 days.
 12. Anthony stated that 360 Energy Engineers will present the results of their findings toward the end of the year or the beginning of next year. At that time a decision will need to be made as to what type of heating and air conditioning system will be the best option for the Courthouse.
 13. Anthony reported that the bonding process for the community hangar at the airport continues.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$60,789.37 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding a resolution to set the employee holiday dates for 2014. Commissioner Krehbiel suggested following the state holiday list which gives employees an extra day of holiday on Friday following Christmas Day, which falls on Thursday. Commissioner

Hague suggested that employees might exchange one of their personal days for that extra day of holiday. Anthony will prepare a resolution to finalize the holidays for employees and submit it for approval at next week's meeting.

Anthony presented a draft of the proposed Capital Improvement Program Policy. He explained that two years ago the County adopted a five year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The newly drafted policy includes a policy statement detailing this program. To qualify as a capital improvement, a project must total at least \$10,000 and have a lifespan of at least five years.

Anthony also presented a draft of the proposed Debt Management Policy, which includes a policy statement, conditions for debt issuance, restrictions on debt issuance, debt service limitations on current and future debt, characteristics of debt issuance, and the debt issuance process. He stated that it is important to get these policies in place before the end of the year given the changes in the Standard and Poor's rating system.

Paula Downs, Project Director for the South Central Kansas Prosperity Plan, gave a presentation on information that has been gathered to date for the South Central Kansas Prosperity Project. The project seeks to identify a vision for the economic development of the five-county region. The project focuses on six areas: built environment, healthy community design, natural resources, transportation, water, and workforce and business development. The Commissioners were asked to answer four questions in an effort to further refine the focus. They are:

- What the region is currently doing well and should build upon?
- What are we not doing, but should be?
- What are the priorities in your community?
- What is the single most important priority for our region's prosperous future?

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss attorney client privilege. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Joyce Truskett, and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 11:00 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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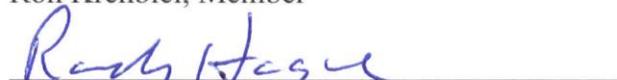



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson


Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk


Randy Hague, Member