

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 14, 2013

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 14, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel requested information about applications for the position of Director of Parks. John Waltner reported that several very good applications have been received. It is hoped that the position will be filled before the end of the year. Commissioner Krehbiel is concerned about not having proper supervision for West Park when it continues to be busy with campers, weddings, and high school track meets.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. A medals ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Community Room for Emergency Response Team officers who recently assisted the Wichita Police Department in standoff at an apartment building.
2. The Sheriff's Department will hold an auction of seized property on Tuesday, October 15 at 12:00 p.m.
3. A meeting will be held at the Ark Valley Lodge in Wichita on Wednesday, October 16, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss possible legislation changes to help deal with the escalating problem of copper thefts in the county.
4. A summit meeting for elected officials with regard to the Prosperity Project will be held at the Marcus Welcome Center at WSU at 6:00 p.m. on October 24th. The Mayor of Mission, KS will be the featured speaker.
5. The employee Christmas dinner is scheduled for Monday, December 9th.
6. Harvey County will host the Quad County meeting on Monday, December 16th. It will be held at AGCO in Hesston with a catered lunch and a tour of the new paint facility.

Minutes of the October 7 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners received a participation and membership benefits report from the National Association of Counties. Harvey County residents have been able to save \$298,036.54 by using the NACO prescription drug discount program.
2. There was a brief demonstration in support of truckers going to Washington D.C. on the overpass at SE 48th and Interstate I-135. The demonstration was cleared through the Sheriff's Office, the township, and the Road & Bridge Department. Independent truckers are driving to Washington in protest of the government shutdown.

3. A formal action will be taken next week regarding how to handle conceal carry weapons in the courthouse. Harvey County received a six month exemption on the implementation of a law passed by the legislature that allows the carry unless there are metal detectors and full-time guards at public entrances to the building. The exemption ends on January 1, 2014. Anthony Swartzendruber stated that, dependent upon the decision made by the Commission, the Employee Personnel Manual may need to be revised in addition to policies pertaining to use of county vehicles. Chairman Westfall said that this issue will be discussed at one of the sessions at the KAC meeting.
4. Jan Jones and Heather Regier presented a proclamation declaring the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Heather explained that, as of October 1, there is a domestic violence advocate available in every community in Harvey County. In an average month the Domestic Violence Office serves 130 women and 127 children. During the 2012 year 921 different victims were served face to face in the county. During the 2013 year there is an average of 27 calls per month within the City of Newton. Jan invited the Commissioners to a Domestic Violence fundraiser on November 8 at the Meridian Center. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve and sign the proclamation. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. The Commissioners received a draft of the inter local agreement that will be presented for approval next week.
6. Anthony presented the KCAMP insurance renewal for approval. KCAMP is strongly recommending that the County not provide county vehicles for the use of other groups, such as the Extension Council. Allowing this to continue places the Commissioners at risk for personal lawsuits in the event of a vehicle accident. Although there are no changes in the coverage and this risk has always been there, because KCAMP has had some issues in other counties, they are making sure that all insured counties are fully aware of this risk. Although the Commissioners would like to discuss this issue further, it was agreed to send in the questionnaire for renewal.

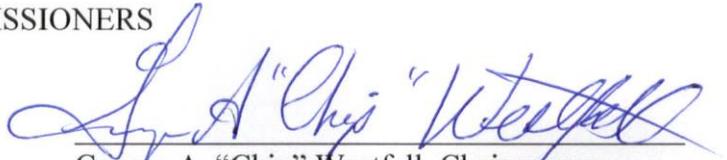
CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's forum.

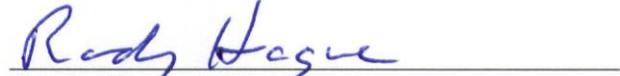
Warrant checks in the amount of \$59,747.23 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m. for the Commissioners to attend the employee meeting which includes discussion of health, dental, vision, and life insurances; changes in KPERS & KP&F premiums; and other employee benefits. Employee flu and pneumonia vaccinations will also be available.

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson


Ron Krehbiel, Member


Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

