

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 7, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 7, 2014 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. The Commissioners received notification from the Kansas Development Finance Authority that an Agricultural Development Revenue Bond is being issued through the "Beginning Farmer Program." Although it is not necessary for the County to respond, Commissioner Westfall requested that a letter of support for the program be sent to the KDFA.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Chairman Krehbiel has been invited to attend the Burrton City Council meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m.
2. Chairman Krehbiel will attend a breakfast meeting at the Hesston Senior Center on Monday, April 21 at 7:15 a.m.
3. Chairman Krehbiel will attend a Community Corrections meeting on April 24th at noon in Judge Walker's chambers.
4. All three Commissioners and their spouses will attend the annual RSVP banquet on April 29 at 6:00 p.m.
5. There will be an employee ice cream party held on April 10 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Room.
6. Commissioner Westfall will attend a 911 Board meeting at the Courthouse on April 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the March 31, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner reported that Jason Dickman, Poe & Associates Engineer for the Burmac Bridge project, delivered the "notice to proceed" and five copies of the complete contract agreement. The project is scheduled to begin in early June. Barricades or a sign will be placed at Highway 50 on the south and Dutch Avenue on the north.
2. The Commissioners received a copy of a letter from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management at the Oklahoma Field Office requesting the Commissioner's participation in the development of an Environmental Impact Statement. This study will analyze lands and minerals under the jurisdiction of both the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Although Harvey County has no lands in this category, the county was asked to participate as a cooperating agency because there are surrounding counties that have land that is affected. The Commissioners made the decision not to participate.

3. Commissioner Krehbiel and John met with an engineer from Allied Engineering Solutions and two representatives from a financing firm. They are representing a waste-to-energy technology developed by Doug King of Quality Recycling in North Carolina. The process, which has been much improved over the past years, uses a rotating combustion burner that creates boiler steam to produce electricity. They are installing a unit at Milan, Tennessee, which has a county population of about 8,000. The system is not predicated on a large return of Kilowatt hours. One of the issues in the past has been the amount of waste needed to operate the system on a 24-hour basis. It is estimated that the solid waste that is now transferred to Reno County could be reduced by approximately 50% with this type of system. There is another installation planned in Cumberland, Kentucky and Harvey County will continue to receive updates on the progress and usage of these systems.
4. Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, reported that the used grinder arrived on Friday morning. Although there were some issues with the arranged transportation, the seller was able to make alternate arrangements and the grinder was then delivered without incident. It was started to make sure it functioned properly when it arrived and the testing went well. Usage of the machine to grind wood waste has already begun and it is working nicely.
5. The Commissioners received a copy of a letter from Marc Bennett, Sedgwick County District Attorney, regarding the bills introduced in the legislature to deal with copper wire theft. Although the bills received a great deal of support, neither of them will be passed this year. One of the issues is with the cost of establishing a central repository of information and how it would be funded. The group promoting these bills will continue to work on them and bring them before the legislature again next year.
6. Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, informed the Commissioners that this week is National Public Health Week. She also presented the revised Memorandum of Agreement for Mass Dispensing Site. The revision allows the facility to be visited by members of the Harvey County Health Department, local law enforcement, Harvey County Emergency Management, and the National Guard and/or state agencies. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the Memorandum Agreement. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the bed of a dump truck hauling gravel rammed a bridge on SE 24th Street. The dump bed had elevated unexpectedly while the truck was traveling and caused the collision. The impact cracked the deck of the bridge, so the bridge is now shut down. He also reported that there was a fire in the 12000 block of SW 12th where several buildings burned. The Sheriff's Department has submitted a grant for bullet-proof vests and they are also working on a \$60,000 grant for in-car cameras.
8. Byron Warta reported that work continues on the Apron at the Airport including the final grades on the taxiway into the new hangar. He also reported that he will attend a meeting in Manhattan on Friday to discuss the proposed Governor's 50-year water plan.
9. Kim Rowley, Director of Parks, reported that last week was the official beginning of the camping season. She also reported that there was a huge group of white pelicans

that were at East Lake last week.

10. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, reported that he has been working on bonding for the new radio system project.
11. Counselor Greg Nye reported on the tax foreclosure sale where the old Halstead Hospital, clinic, and apartments. Taxes owed on the properties are \$440,000. Since this is such a large property, he requested guidance from the Commission on whether to hire an auction service to advertise and conduct the auction. However, the owner would still have the option of paying off the taxes up to the day before the sale. Therefore the auction company would still need to be compensated for their time and expense. There was discussion on whether to sell the parcels separately. The County could establish a reserve bid for the properties. Counselor Nye will collect more information on values of the properties and the cost of hiring an auctioneer.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items discussed during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$87,385.51 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$25,405.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Cheney, Director of Noxious Weed, presented an agreement for the Department to treat noxious weeds for the Kansas Department of Transportation. The agreement includes a labor cost of \$33.00 per hour, and an equipment cost of \$36.00 per hour. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Bob Cheney, Noxious Weed Director, opened bids for the purchase of herbicides for noxious weed control. Four bids were received before the bid deadline on Friday, April 4 and are as follows:

<u>Herbicide</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Farm Kan</u>	<u>Van Diest</u>	<u>Red River</u>	<u>CPS</u>
2,4-D Amine	2x2-1/2 gal	360	\$12.89	\$12.08	\$12.90	\$12.95
2,4-D Amine	55 gal	495		11.82		
	30 gal (sub for 55 gal)		12.89		12.55	12.75
Picloram	2x2-1/2 gal	100	51.11	44.04	46.59	44.99
Dicamba	2x2-1/2 gal	40	No Bid	69.95	No Bid	75.00

Commissioner Hague made a motion to accept the low bid from Van Diest, Item #1 for 2,4-D, Item #2 for Picloram, and Item #3 for Dicamba. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony presented **Resolution No. 2014-12**, approving the form of bond agreement amendment No. 1, amending and supplementing the bond agreement entered into by the County in connection with the issuance by the county of its industrial revenue bonds, Series A, 2009 and its taxable industrial Revenue Bonds, Series B, 2009 with regard to the Biggs Property, LLC. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Hague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

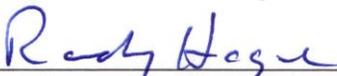
At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 45 minutes to discuss threatened litigation and attorney client privilege. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, Joyce Truskett, Bill Hamm, and Vern Koch. Executive session ended at 11:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

