

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**April 14, 2014**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 14, 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 a letter from Frieden, Unrein & Forbes Law Firm, who is handling the litigation filed by several counties concerning the Oil and Gas Valuation Depletion Trust Fund. The Kansas Senate recently passed a bill that provides for the continuation of funds for FY 2014 and 2015 at the rate of 12.41 percent. However, for FY 2016 and beyond, counties will no longer receive payments. The funds that have been distributed to the counties and held in the various trust funds will then be released to the counties without use restrictions and the Oil and Gas Valuation Depletion Trust Fund will be abolished. Harvey County currently has approximately \$52,000 in the fund.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel gave a brief report on the Burrton City Council meeting that he attended last week. Construction of the new fire station being built there is progressing. The City Commission may be requesting additional funding from the County as they continue to revitalize the down town area of Burrton.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. There is not yet a definite time for the REAP Water Conference to be held on May 29.
2. Commissioners Krehbiel and Hague and spouses will attend the annual Chamber Steak Cookout and dessert auction to be held on Friday, May 9 at the Newton Armory.
3. The annual RSVP banquet will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Minutes of the April 7, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. The annual KCCA Conference will be held May 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>. John Waltner suggested that the Commissioners try to meet with the Commissioners of Lyon, Chase, and Marion Counties on the evening of May 6 to discuss Highway 50 improvements.
2. The Commissioners received a flyer from the South central Kansas Prosperity Plan, which is funded with a grant the REAP organization received from HUD. The project includes the counties of Harvey, Reno, Sedgwick, Sumner, and Butler. The purpose of the Prosperity Plan is to develop strategies to improve the region

economically, enhance the quality of life for residents, and establish a framework for regional coordination and planning. There are four alternatives to accomplish these goals in the region, business as usual, prosperity through growth, prosperity through health, and prosperity through communities. There will be a preliminary report available in late spring or early summer. A survey is being developed and will be sent to about 25,000 residents of the participating counties to obtain additional information for the project.

3. John shared that Barry Carroll, who works with bicycle groups across Kansas, expressed his appreciation to the Harvey County Commission for being willing to step out and install the bicycle safety signs along roads traveled by bicyclists. They are hoping to be able to place similar signage on Sedgwick County roads.
4. Courtney Becker, Director of Communications, and Don Gruver, Assistant Director, presented a letter to be sent to Mike King, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation, and Colonel Ernest Garcia of the Kansas Highway Patrol, requesting financial assistance from their agencies for upgrading the Harvey County public safety radio system from analog VHF to Digital P25 800 MHz. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the letter and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Sheriff T. Walton reported that there have been several accidents on the interstate this morning due to slick spots on the interstate bridges. He also reported that the training by EMPAC last Monday was very good and employees who attended responded very well. He reported that the Department has been working many fires due to the dry conditions. Charges will be brought against a resident who started a fire without calling in to notify the Communications Center. He also reported that the jail population continues at approximately 120. One "Quick Dip" prisoner was refused this week because of his poor physical condition.
6. Byron Warta reported that he attended the Governor's pre-conference on water last Thursday and Friday. The Kansas Water Office will prepare a draft of the 50-year plan to be presented at regional meetings. He briefly discussed the proposal of an aqueduct from the Missouri River to the western part of the State.
7. Counselor Greg Nye reported that there has been some interest shown in the old Halstead Hospital property. There is a meeting tomorrow with the owner's agent. Counselor Nye has obtained the names of some auctioneers that might be able to handle the auction.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items discussed during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$79,902.70 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$25,000.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, presented a detailed quarterly report for the first quarter of 2014. He reviewed all revenues and expenses by category and gave an analysis of why

they were low or high. Total revenues to the end of the quarter reflect 43.1% of the budgeted amount. The Commissioners also received a report of the County Treasurer's investments at the end of the quarter. There is \$281,455 in the Municipal Investment Pool at a rate of .005% and \$11,300,000 in a Money Market Plus Account at the Bank of the West at a rate of .240%.

At 10:20 a.m. Anthony opened proposals received for asbestos abatement for the courthouse. The ceiling tiles have been found to contain asbestos. The request for proposal was drafted by 360 Energy Engineers and sent to three companies. Two bid requests were received as follows:

B & R Insulation Inc, Lenexa, KS (Included required bid bond of 5%)	
Abatement of asbestos over 8 consecutive weekends	\$176,112.00
Unit price for pipe fitting if needed, per fitting	25.00
ISI Environmental, Wichita, KS (Included required bid bond of 5%)	
Abatement of asbestos over 8 consecutive weekends	\$122,304.00
Unit price for pipe fitting if needed, per fitting	26.00

Anthony also opened proposals for third party air clearance testing following the removal of the asbestos. Two proposals were received as follows:

Precision Environmental Group, Inc., Wichita (Cost is per air clearance test)	
Weekday cost	\$350.00
Weekday after hours	400.00
Weekend	450.00
Weekend after hours	450.00
Holiday	450.00
Paradigm Group LLC, Wichita (Cost is per air clearance test)	
Weekday cost	\$280.00
Weekday after hours	280.00
Weekend	330.00
Weekend after hours	330.00
Holiday	400.00

Administration and 360 Energy Engineers will review all proposals. Anthony said the ceiling tiles will be removed during the summer and likely will not be replaced until next spring. Further discussion was held regarding how the work will proceed and how it will affect the employees and the public. Anthony reported that a meeting was held last week with Joe Hurla and Aaron Etkorn of 360 Energy Engineers, and Terry Stuber, of the Kansas Energy Office. Items discussed were the energy return plan, a way to account for the savings, making sure the project pays out over 30 years or less, and the performance contract. The contract is expected to cost from \$3,000,000 to \$3,400,000. Anthony presented the Commissioners with a cost estimation of how this will affect the county if bonds are issued to finance the project. An approximate total principal and interest payment was provided assuming a 15-year payout, and taking into account the proposed energy

savings following the completion of the project. If a total of \$3,505,000 is bonded, the net debt service over 15 years is approximately \$3,071,887.50. Anthony also gave the Commissioners a copy of the County's total debt service schedule, including GO bonds, Temporary Notes, and PBC bonds.

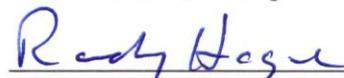
Counselor Greg Nye gave the Commissioners a copy of the valuations included in the old Halstead Hospital property that will be included in the foreclosure sale. The so-called "Sister's House" will not be included in the foreclosure sales.

At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye and Joyce Truskett. Commissioner Krehbiel had to leave the session at 11:12 a.m. Executive session ended at 11:20 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

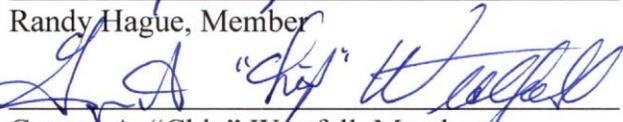
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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

  
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Randy Hague, Member

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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

