

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 21, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 21, 2014 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall officially filed for re-election last week.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel went to the Hesston Senior Center this morning where he was asked to explain the distribution of funding for the different senior centers in the County. The funds are distributed according to the number of seniors that utilize each of the centers.
3. Commissioner Hague reported that a citizen requested that the County and the Townships use a magnet on road graders that are grading the sand roads to remove pieces of metal that can puncture or destroy tires. Although the magnets are not an expensive attachment, it is difficult to remove the material from the magnet once it has been collected.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Jaci Reimer, Sedgwick City Administrator, will attend the April 24 SCKEDD meeting as the representative for Harvey County.
2. The retirement reception to be held for Lanae Unruh on April 24 has been moved from the Commission Room to the Community Room.

Minutes of the April 14, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner reported that he, Sheriff Walton, and others met with a potential auctioneer for the sale of the old hospital property in Halstead. The meeting went very well.
2. John and Commissioner Hague attended a town hall meeting held by Senator Jerry Moran in Halstead last Thursday. Commissioner Hague stated that there was a very good turnout for the meeting. John expressed his appreciation to Senator Moran for the call in to County Commissioners that he did around the State of Kansas last year. He is planning to do that again, but the dates are not yet set.
3. John met with Matt Schmidt, Director of Health Ministries, and Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department regarding the co-location of the Health Department, Health Ministries, and Prairie View in the building on South Pine Street. Renovations on the building continue and discussions will be held with Prairie View and others about the financial obligations and arrangements..
4. Health Ministries and Newton Medical Center both have plans to develop a medical facility in Halstead.

5. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, and John drove Halstead Road last week after receiving reports that the road was getting very bad. The road, from the south edge of Halstead south to the Sedgwick County line has cracked and the pavement is shifting and moving in some areas. Some of the cracks are two or more inches wide and the asphalt has sunk in certain sections. The cause of the road problem is unknown, but Jim had APAC look at the road and make suggestions as to how it could be repaired. The road was last surfaced in 2005.
6. Commissioner Hague said that he had a report from a citizen that there is a hole in the bridge deck on SE 36th Street between Oliver and Woodlawn.
7. Commissioner Krehbiel said that the bridge west of Burmac Road on NW 60th Street has two holes in the decking. Jim said that there is so much material on the bridge that it is difficult to know the extent of the damage. He expects repairs to be made, if possible, within the next week.
8. John reported that several of the commissioners from Chase, Marion, and Lyon Counties are not able to meet with Harvey County on the evening of Tuesday, May 6 at the KCCA Conference. The meeting to discuss the upgrade of Highway 50 will be re-scheduled to some time on Wednesday when more of the Commissioners will be available. Willis Heck, Harvey County Representative to the Highway 50 Association, has also been invited to attend.
9. John presented a recommendation of appointment to the Harvey County RSVP Advisory Council for May McGee and Norma J. King. The Commission will defer the appointments until next week's Commission meeting.
10. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he gave a talk at Kidron Bethel Retirement Home last Saturday morning where he answered many questions about the Sheriff's Office. He reported that there have been two arrests of people passing through Harvey County with marijuana from Colorado. One of the sheriff's vehicles hit a deer Saturday evening and sustained damages of approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000. The jail population is staying at about 120. There will be a drug take back day next Saturday. Sheriff Walton also reported that there is now a third trooper in Harvey County and he is working well with both the Sheriff's Office and the City of Newton Police Department.
11. Byron Warta reported that the new hangar apron at the airport has been formed and is ready to be poured. He also gave a brief report on water issues, stating that although northwest Kansas received some rain in certain areas, there are some irrigation wells in southwest Kansas that are going dry because of the lack of rain.
12. Kim Rowley, Director of Parks, reported they are working on Shelter #1 at West Park and signs are being placed at East Lake identifying the location of facilities there.
13. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, reported that representatives from 360 Energy Engineers will not be here today as scheduled, but will instead be here on May 5. They needed more time to work with the bid and vendor pricing.
14. Commissioner Westfall reported that there have been 22 applicants for the Director's position in the Communications Department.
15. Counselor Greg Nye will not be in attendance at the meeting today because of illness.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items discussed during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$709,810.61 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Jan Jones, Director of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Office, presented an Emergency Solutions Grant in the amount of \$79,485.43. This is a federal grant for homeless through HUD that provides resources and support. Because victims of domestic violence sometimes need to take shelter at the Safe House, this grant is available to assist them. The grant will provide \$32,045.40 in salaries and personnel expenses for outreach staff, \$27,268.63 for expenses and staff salaries and personnel expenses associated with the Safe House Shelter, \$11,000 in direct aid for rent, utilities, and security deposits, and \$9,171.40 for the Homeless Management Information System. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the 2014 Emergency Shelter Grant Application for 2014 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Becky Fields Opland, Treasurer, presented **Resolution No. 2014-13**, authorizing four officers or employees of the Treasurer's Office to transfer funds for investment in the Municipal Investment Pool, withdraw funds, issue letters of instruction, and take all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of funds. Those authorized to execute documents and make deposits or withdrawals are E. Rebecca Fields, County Treasurer; Jeraldine J. Smith, Deputy County Treasurer; Shirley A. Riffel, Office Coordinator; and Laurey VerBeek, Tax Clerk. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 35 minutes to discuss confidential and proprietary information. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Joyce Truskett, Mickey Fornaro-Dean, and Counselor Bob Meyers. Executive session ended at 10:58 a.m. with no action being taken.

Chairman Krehbiel called a special Commission meeting to be held at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Cindy Womack and Steve Frank from MKEC Engineering opened bids for the hot in-place recycling (HIPR) project for 2014. There was one addenda added. The bid includes 13.35 miles of East First Street, NW 12th Street and West Dutch Avenue. One bid was received from Dustrol, Inc. whose representative attended the meeting. The bid included the required bid bond and the addenda was signed and accounted for. The base bid was \$1,019,240.36 with an alternate of an additional \$36,081.11 if the City of Newton chooses to add ½ mile of Spencer to the city limits. Ms. Womack and Mr. Frank opened one bid received from APAC-Kansas, Inc. for the application of an Ultrathin Bonded Asphalt Surface (UBAS) of 10.46 miles of NE 60th Street from K-15 east to N Osage Street, or the Marion County line. There were no addenda to the project and APAC provided the required bid bond. The bid received was \$608,303.25, for a combined total of \$1,627,543.61 for both bids. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that the amount budgeted for the

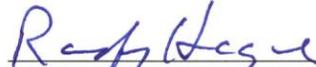
both projects was \$1,624,656, leaving a difference of only \$2,887.61 between the amounts budgeted and the amounts bid. The start date for the UBAS project could be as early as 10 days from the date of bid award. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the 2014 asphalt HIPR Program bid from Dustrol, Inc. in the amount of \$1,019,240.36 with alternate #1 in the amount of \$36,081.11, if the City of Newton chooses to participate. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the bid from APAC-Kansas, Inc. for the 2014 Asphalt Sealing Program (UBAS) in the amount of \$608,303.25. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

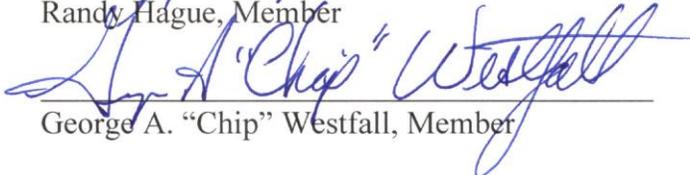
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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

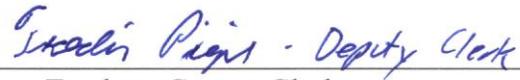


Randy Hague, Member



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

