

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 28, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 28, 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 was in Walton last week and community members expressed that they are very appreciative of the road work done in the city by the county Road & Bridge department.
2. Commissioner Westfall attended the legislative breakfast on Saturday. Senator McGinn & Representative Rhoades reported that the Kansas Legislature is scheduled to return for a three day veto session beginning on Wednesday, April 30. If they do not get everything done, then they will return to session Monday, May 5 for a least a week.
3. Commissioner Westfall joined a conference call with US Senator Moran last night.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be a REAP member meeting on Friday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. in Derby.

Minutes of the April 21, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes of the April 23, 2014 Special meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner reported that there will be a short farewell ceremony for Communications Director, Courtney Becker, during the next commission meeting. There will not be a reception held for him at his request.
2. John stated that he is working with the City of Newton to schedule a joint meeting on either Thursday, May 8 or Friday, May 9. The commissioners expressed a preference to meet on Thursday afternoon.
3. John reported that Emergency Management will conduct a NIMS qualified training for selected staff on May 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Law Enforcement Center training room. These training sessions are required in order to remain eligible for funding. The commissioners are invited to attend.
4. John presented an article about the importance of integrating mental health services and physical health services.
5. Counselor Greg Nye reported that he is moving forward with the tax sale for the Halstead Hospital properties. The written judge's order to enter judgment was approved last Friday. He stated that there is concern that the parking lots, which are separate parcels, could be purchased separately from the building parcels, leaving the building virtually unusable. He is filing an order with the court to have the buildings and the parking lots joined for the sale. He and Sheriff Walton met with auctioneer

- Nick Holzrichter who has previously sold other medical facilities; they are working on an agreement to conduct the sale.
6. John presented information from the KAC on SB 298, repealing the mortgage registration fee and increasing the per-page filing fees. The letter from the KAC points out that not all counties were contacted by the legislative research department when they prepared the fiscal impact report for the Legislature. John and Anthony reported that Harvey County was not contacted for this report and the numbers for Harvey County are therefore not accurate. The numbers used were based on a non-standard year. The KAC letter encourages counties to check their numbers in the report and contact their legislators to inform them that the numbers provided to them are not accurate.
 7. John presented two recommendation of appointment forms for the Harvey County RSVP Advisory Council for May McGee and Norma J. King. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the appointments and Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion with an amendment to authorize the chair to sign. Motion passed unanimously.
 8. John presented a recommendation of appointment to the Harvey County Parks Advisory Board for Greg Brenzikofer. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to waive the second reading and approve the appointment and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 9. Sheriff T. Walton reported that they caught two metal thieves on S Hoover Rd. last week and seized 2 vehicles and a trailer. He reported that they received 145 pounds of drugs during the drug take back event held on Saturday, April 26.
 10. Byron Warta reported that the new hangar apron at the airport has been formed, but concrete has not yet been poured. He also reported that the crane to lift the steel to begin the construction of the hangar is scheduled to arrive on May 9.
 11. Kim Rowley, Director of Parks, reported that Unruh Mowing did the first mowing at East Park & Camp Hawk and their work looks good so far. She also expressed her disappointment with lack of respect for the park facilities from some park attendees because they have had numerous cases of vandalism already this year and it is still early in the park season.
 12. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, presented the sales tax revenue report for April showing that collections are up 26% from last year.
 13. Rick Piepho, Deputy County Clerk, reported that there is a possibility that USD 460 will call a special election to be held on June 24 to increase their LOB by 1%.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items discussed during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$115,335.37 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Lon Buller, Emergency Management Director, introduced Dr. William Brown, Kansas Animal Health Commissioner, and Sandy Johnson, Emergency Management Coordinator for KDA, to brief the commission regarding animal disease outbreak preparedness. Dr. Brown informed the commission that the State of Kansas has been working on improving the preparedness to respond to

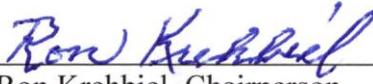
a Foreign Animal Disease for many years. They have held a number of table-top sessions to inform local emergency management personnel of their expected responsibilities in case of an animal disease outbreak. He wanted to inform the commission of the basic plan and the county responsibilities. The county responsibilities would be primarily in a supporting role in establishing and maintaining traffic control checkpoints; cleaning and disinfecting at-risk vehicles; and providing labor & equipment to support burial operations. He stated that the main concern is for the Foot and Mouth virus, which affects cloven-hoofed animals, is the most common, and is very contagious to other cloven-hoofed animals. He stated that his biggest fear was for the large feed yards like in western Kansas. He stated that to bury 100,000 head of 1,000 pound animals it would take a trench 10 feet wide, 8 feet deep, and 150 miles long.

Janet Cagle, Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections Director, presented the comprehensive plan grant application for juveniles and adults. She reported on the programs in place for juvenile truancy, teen courts, cognitive-behavioral group services, and risk assessment. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the application and authorize the chair to sign, Commissioner Hague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

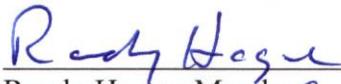
At 11:17 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 28 minutes to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Rick Piepho, Linda Kientz and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 11:45 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

