

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

**August 11, 2014**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 11, 2014 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. following the election canvass.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Hague requested that a thank you note be sent to Klee Watchous who donated a cooling system for the Ag Building at the Harvey County Fairgrounds.
2. Commissioner Hague asked if the former ranger residence at West Park is still occupied. Kass Miller reported that it will be occupied until September 15.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that he saw a large pile of rock for sale near the new round-about and suggested that Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, check and see if it is something they could use.
4. Commissioner Westfall received a report from a citizen that Woodlawn south of K-196 needs to be bladed. Jim said that it is scheduled to be bladed tomorrow.
5. Commissioner Krehbiel attended a meeting at Prairie View last Thursday.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The LEPC meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 13 has been cancelled.
2. There will be a ribbon cutting at the new US-50 and Anderson Road Interchange on Tuesday, August 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the August 4, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner, Administrator, presented a prepared letter to Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins in support of the retroactive renewal of the Production Tax Credit for wind energy. The letter of support was requested by Kathryn Schwartz, Senior Director of Public Advocacy for Pearson Public Affairs. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve and sign the letter. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. The Commissioners received a schedule of patrols being done at all three Harvey County Parks. The patrols are performed by one employee who drives between the three parks. Discussion was held regarding the reduction of people using West Park. Kass suggested that it might be related to the increased fees for electricity and camping, the reduction in fish stocking, and reduction of visibility of staff. Discussion was also held about fish stocking and the over-abundance of carp. Contract mowing was also discussed. This has enabled park staff to perform many other tasks rather than mowing.
3. The Commissioners received a communication from Marc Bennett, Sedgwick County District Attorney, inviting them to a meeting about the problem of metal theft to be held

- on August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Sedgwick County Extension Building from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
4. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, presented **Charter Resolution No. 2014-1** for approval. The resolution would exempt the county from the provisions of K.S.A. 65-201 et seq. and 65-202, requiring annual sanitary inspections of all school buildings and grounds by the County Health Officer. If passed, the resolution must be published twice and would then become effective on the 61<sup>st</sup> day. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to adopt **Charter Resolution No. 2014-1**. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  5. Kass Miller reported a large fire pit that was damaged last summer after a wind storm at East Lake was replaced last week. He also said that the haying is done at East Park and there are over 180 bales. There is no blue green algae at the lake at this time.
  6. Sheriff T Walton reported that marshals will come in this week and do the inspections at the jail.
  7. Jim Meier reported that crews are patching at Rock Road and NE 60<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that two other contractors are looking at the bridge repair project at West Park.
  8. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, reported that he, John, and the financial counselor participated with a rating call with Standard and Poor's last Thursday. The results of the call should be known by August 13<sup>th</sup>. The bond sale for Lease Revenue Bonds for the Courthouse Energy Project will be held on Monday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m. Following the sale, the Commissioners will approve a parameter resolution and the lease. The PBC will then meet at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon to finalize all the sale documents. The Commissioners received a copy of the preliminary official statement in preparation for the bond sale.
  9. Anthony reported that the asbestos abatement in the basement of the courthouse is nearing completion. There are about two days of work left in the boiler room.
  10. Joyce Truskett thanked Jim Meier and the Road & Bridge Department for delivering election equipment to the various poll sites and then retrieving the equipment following the election. She stated that the workers were all very courteous and very helpful.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$398,878.38 and a hand-written check in the amount of \$420.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony presented the proposed 2015 budget for adoption. The Commissioners received some calls and letters about the ENLITE program. Citizens have the mistaken impression that the county funding for the ENLITE program has been cancelled. The same funding level for the 2014 budget year has been proposed for the 2015 year. The funding level is \$12,000 for both years, with the money to be spent on the purchase of large print books. Marianne Eichelberger, Director of the Newton Public Library, said that they are telling people that the county is cutting funding for wages for aides who prepare and deliver the books. Two years ago \$3,000 in funding for the delivery of books, which was taken from the senior mill levy, was redirected to programs to help keep seniors in their homes. In

answer to questions asked at last week's Commission meeting, Robert Carlton, Elderly Services Advisory Council member, spoke in defense of a carefully planned system to fund senior centers according to their level of service to seniors rather than a set amount to each center. Prior to the development of this system, there were no guidelines as to how to discern how to distribute the senior mill levy. There are two organizations that receive money at large from the levy, the ENLITE program and Meals on Wheels. He stated that the books are not being delivered to homebound seniors; they are being delivered to Senior Care Centers. The Council has prioritized what they have determined senior citizens want. Mr. Carlton was concerned that Commissioner Westfall said that the advisory council was not hearing the budget requests. He felt that the Commission was suggesting that the council was not doing their jobs. Mr. Carlton said he would resign if that was the case. He said the needs of seniors are changing and the council is actively seeking to keep up with those changes and meet the challenges of the changing needs. Commissioner Westfall clarified that he would like to see groups who are requesting funding make a presentation before the council, not just a written request. Anthony clarified the fund name in the budget that makes reference to wages for aids for the ENLITE program. The fund name is being changed. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the proposed 2015 budget with the ENLITE Program being funded for \$12,000 for the purchase of books only. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The budget vote will have to be published because it is now required if the mill levy is increased.

At 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 25 minutes to discuss attorney client privilege. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 11:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss attorney client privilege. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 11:45 a.m. with no action being taken.

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

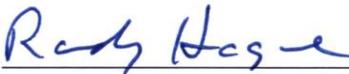
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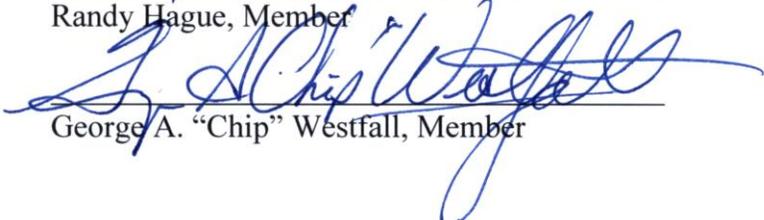


ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

  
Randy Hague, Member

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member