

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 18, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 18, 2014 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel commended Anthony Swartzendruber on an editorial he wrote that was published in the Harvey County Independent and the Hesston Record. Anthony explained that the published budget form that is required by state statute does not itemize all the programs that are funded by the County. He invited citizens to participate by attending Commission meetings.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners have been invited to attend a meeting to discuss the continuing problem of copper thefts in the County. The meeting will be held on August 28 at the Sedgwick County Extension Office.
2. Commissioner Hague and John Waltner will attend a REAP meeting on Thursday, August 21st at 8:30 a.m. in Goddard.

Minutes of the August 11, 2014 Primary Election Canvass were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, informed the Commissioners that they will need to appoint voting delegates for the KAC meeting to be held in November. The appointments need to be completed no later than October 31, 2014.
2. John presented an audit engagement letter from Randall R. Hofmeier of Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered to perform the county audits for the years 2014, 2015, and 2016. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to enter into the engagement with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented a proposed invitation to bidders for the purchase of a new motor grader. The old grader will be used as a trade-in on the new grader. The bid specifications were discussed and Jim suggested that the warranty requirement be "Full machine 5 year parts and labor or 5,000 hours." Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the invitation to bidders with the bid specifications as presented adding the language of "or 5,000 hours" to the warranty required. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Bids will be opened on September 8.

4. Kass Miller, Park Ranger, reported that a park patron appeared to have had a heart attack at East Park last week. The man was briefly hospitalized and then returned to the Park. Kass has been periodically doing welfare checks on him. He also reported that staff is trimming trees along the horse trail and performing routine maintenance at West Park this week.
5. Byron Warta reported that the final work on Hangar W continues and Eby Construction is progressing well with the ABI building at the airport. There is a possibility that the new Airport Administrator will be at the airport meeting this afternoon. Byron also reported that he will attend Kansas Water Authority meetings in Olathe this Thursday and Friday where the 50-year water plan will be discussed.
6. Sheriff T. Walton reported that last week was a very challenging week for the Sheriff's Office. Boiler #2 at the Detention Center has ceased working and will need to be replaced. The walls around the boiler were put in place after the boiler was installed so this will increase removal costs. Replacement costs are estimated at \$50,000 with an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 for removal costs. The Detention Center was inspected by federal representatives last week. There were some showers and toilets not working at the time of the inspection because maintenance staff has been busy helping to prepare offices in the Courthouse for asbestos removal. The representatives recommended that the facility have a dedicated maintenance person.
7. Jim Meier said they will hopefully wrap up NW 60th this week and then move equipment to South Halstead Road for the repair of that road. Jim will travel to Kingman tomorrow to discuss the state funding to repair or replace county bridges that have a span of 50 feet or less. He has prepared a list of 15 bridges that would qualify for this funding. He also reported that the NW 36th Street bridge repair is going to cost about \$45,000. The bridge on NW 96th Street that was closed because of multiple structural deficiencies is not repairable and will therefore remain closed.
8. Anthony reported that the asbestos abatement continues with work being performed on the weekends. The offices to be abated this coming weekend are Data Processing, the Clerk's vault, the Appraiser's Office, and one storage room in the basement. The final window samples have not yet been received. Work will begin today to remove and replace the boiler in the Law Enforcement Center. Anthony also reported that the bond sale for the Courthouse improvement bonds will occur today at 10:00 a.m. The bids will be submitted online. The County bond rating was affirmed at AA- and the Commissioners received a copy of the rating from Standard & Poor's. Following the confirmation of the bond sale, the Commission will pass a resolution to enter into an agreement with the PBC who is scheduled to meet this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. The financing will be received on September 10. Commissioner Hague and the other Commissioners commended Anthony on his financial management abilities which have enabled the county to receive such a high bond rating. The higher bond rating is a factor in obtaining lower percentage rates for the bonds.
9. Kass Miller reported that he is enrolled in a grant writing course with Fort Hays State University. He is also taking part in a summit where he will attend a session on trail management.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$1,004,041.78 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Lake Township residents, Jim Schwarz, Duane Regier, Harlan Foraker, Terry Jacobs, and Ty Miller, attended the meeting to request the county take over the maintenance of a 36 sq. ft. culvert on west 48th Street west of Prairie Lake Road. By state statute, culverts of 25 sq. ft. or larger should be maintained by the county. Maps were given to the Commissioners identifying the location of the culvert and the area affected by it. Harlan Foraker, Lake Township Trustee, explained that the culvert is located on a low maintenance road and is not draining properly causing the road to flood and remain muddy and impassable. There is speculation that one end of the culvert may be under water or damaged. Although there are no residences on the road, it is an essential farm to market road for farmers. The culvert needs to be replaced soon and the request is for the county to place the culvert on their system of culverts and bridges that have are maintained by the County. He also brought attention to 2 culverts on willow Lake Road that were temporarily repaired by the Road and Bridge Department after reports from citizens that there were holes in the road there. Jim reported that those two are already on the schedule for repair. Jim also said that he is not sure there is a culvert or a box at the area of concern on 48th street, but if not, there should be one placed there. Duane Regier said there was a culvert there at one time. Discussion was held on the drainage and the flow of drainage water. There are some trees that may need to be removed downstream. It is unknown who would be responsible for clearing the trees but that will have to be determined when the culvert is replaced. Jim said that because of the ponds located in the area, we may need to gauge the size of the culvert according to the ponds. Commissioner Westfall suggested that the county engineer be directed to look at the culvert and that the landowner also be notified. The Conservation District might also need to be notified. When it is clearer what needs to be done, the County, the Township, and the landowner will meet to determine how the process will proceed.

Terry Jacobs requested that he be allowed to do a demonstration of the road magnet that attaches to a road grader at a meeting some time in September. He would like to have the demonstration at Camp Hawk sometime and invite County, City, and Township representatives. He will talk to John Waltner about a definite date.

At 10:20 a.m. Jim opened bids for road striping of 33.34 miles of roadway in the county. The only bid received was from Midwest Striping of Grand Island Nebraska. The amount of the bid is \$29,272.52. The striping will take approximately three days to complete. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the bid. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Gina Bell, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented a request from the City of Newton to re-plot two additional sections of Restlawn Gardens Cemetery located west of Newton on Highway 50. At the current time, there is no access to the south lots and the replat would allow access from both Hoover Road and the frontage road on Highway 50. The request was considered by the Regional Planning Commission at a meeting on June 3, 2014. On a vote of 7 to 1, the request was approved.

Raymond Bretton of Alpha Land Surveys answered questions from the Commission. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the replat and accept the road right-of-way. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

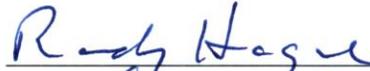
Anthony reported on the results of the bond sale that occurred at 10:00 a.m. Four bids were received, with the low bid of 2.64% for a 15 year bond coming from Piper Jaffray. Brian Kidney, Financial Advisor from Springstead Inc. reported that this is a very good market and the county's financial management policies, with the resulting AA- rating, makes the bonds more desirable for purchasers. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2014-21**, authorizing Harvey County to enter into a lease purchase agreement between the county and Harvey County Public Building Commission dated as of Sept 10, 2014, whereby the County will lease from the Public Building Commission certain property; approving the form of said lease; authorizing the County to enter into a related base lease with said Public Building Commission; and authorizing the execution thereof and certain related documents. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

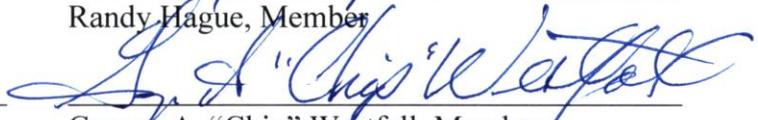


Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

