

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT CITY/COUNTY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
WORK SESSION

February 18, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in special work session with the Board of Newton City Commissioners and the Economic Development Executive Council on February 18, 2014 at the Meridian Center. All three Commissioners were present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Tonya Bronleewe, Environmental Quality Specialist with the City of Wichita, gave a presentation about the issues being addressed by the Wichita Area Air Improvement Task Force. The federal government requires that states monitor six pollutants in air quality. They are carbon monoxide, lead, particulate matter, silver dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and ozone. Carbon monoxide and lead are no longer a problem, and of the four remaining, ozone is the main pollutant that is an issue at this time. Although there are several air quality monitoring stations throughout Sedgwick County, there are three locations that are important in monitoring ozone. These sites are located at the Sedgwick County Health Department Building, the City of Peck, and the City of Sedgwick. It is important to stay in attainment because of possible added regulations, increased costs for ozone reduction, impact on business, road funding, fuel cost, engineering costs, health care costs, and decreased quality of life. The task force has introduced several programs in an attempt to keep the MSA in attainment, which includes the counties of Sedgwick, Butler, Sumner, and Harvey. Commissioner Westfall stated that the State of Kansas and the EPA need to be more proactive in trying to control emissions that are coming in from Texas and Oklahoma. These emissions are affecting the air quality in this MSA.

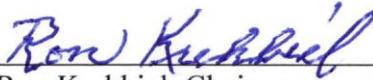
Discussion was held on the status of the Kansas Logistics Park including the following topics:

- Funding from both the City of Newton and Harvey County
- Suggestion of funding from a small percentage of revenue from the second Harvey County 1% sales tax, shared by the county and all cities within the county
- Possible funding from private sources in addition to government funding
- Marketing of the KLP
- Continued consultant involvement and possible shared funding for that purpose
- Make up and possible expansion of the Kansas Logistics Park Development Authority Board

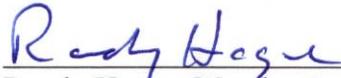
It was agreed that the current five-member KLPDA board should decide how to reorganize and who will serve on the KLPDA Board. Randy Riggs, Newton City Administrator, said the inter-local agreement between the City and the County will need to be modified if the make up of the board is changed. Each governing body will research and discuss the funding issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

