

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 24, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 24, 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 reported that Mary Lou Abrahams, a Clerk's Office employee, passed away Thursday, Feb. 20.
2. Commissioner Westfall stated the he and Anthony Swartzendruber and the director of Hutchinson Community College attended a meeting with the South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation on Wednesday, February 19 in Topeka. One of the main topics of discussion was the recharging of the aquifer. He reported that there are active bills in the legislature to move the spring elections to the fall, but the House & Senate are in disagreement over whether to move them to the fall of even years or the fall of odd years and making the election partisan. He also stated that 40% of the bills in each house affect schools.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on April 9th. Commissioner Krehbiel will be unable to attend; Commissioner Hague will attend in his place.

Minutes of the February 18, 2014 Commission meeting were approved with a correction to item 1 of the agenda upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner stated that a list of the Harvey County Farm Bureau Association board members was included in the packet for each commissioner.
2. John reported that he received an email from Margaret Hermstein, Register of Deeds, stating that all of the legislative committee members involved with the bill to eliminate the mortgage registration fee receive funds from the Kansas Bankers Association.
3. John stated that Anthony Swartzendruber will be the instructor for County Budgeting Basics class offered by the KAC in Salina on April 2nd.
4. John reported that Harvey County Emergency Management is presenting a Storm Spotter training session on March 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Santa Fe Middle School. He reminded the commissioners that this will be on the anniversary of the Hesston tornado in 1990.
5. John reported that detention center deputy Gene Gnatowski is retiring this Friday. A reception will be held at 2:30 on Friday.

6. John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Courtney Becker and Don Gruver will meet with representatives from Reno County today to discuss the 800 MHz communications project.
7. Anthony and Roy Patton, Solid Waste Director will travel to North Carolina tomorrow to view a used grinder.
8. John and Kim Rowley, Parks Director presented a bid proposal for contracting mowing services for the 3 county parks. Kim stated that they are currently spending at least \$20,000 per year for operations and equipment maintenance to mow the parks. She stated that this amount does not include the cost to purchase the equipment. She also stated that by contracting the mowing it would free up staff to work on other projects and that the contract would require mowing during weekdays, eliminating the noise on weekends when the parks are most visited. Commissioner Hague made a motion to proceed with the bid proposal with adjustments by staff and counsel as needed. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Craig Clough, Appraiser, presented results of a search for the purchase of a vehicle to replace the 2002 Ford Taurus in use by his department. He asked for proposals from three dealers for a used SUV style vehicle with 15,000 miles or less. He showed the results of the proposals and recommended that they pursue a 2014 Jeep Compass 4x2 with 14,200 miles for a price of \$16,200 including trade-in from Resnik Motors, Inc. This would be a savings of \$3,800 from the amount that was budgeted. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the bid for a 2014 Jeep Compass 4x2 with 14,200 miles for a price of \$16,200 including trade-in from Resnik Motors, Inc. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber presented results of a search for the purchase of a vehicle to replace the 2000 Ford Windstar van, with numerous mechanical issues and 170,000 miles on it, which is used by the Administration department and as a pool vehicle for use by other departments. He asked for proposals from three dealers for a used vehicle with 15,000 miles or less. He showed the results of the proposals and the commissioners focused on a 2012 Chevy Malibu with 21,667 miles for a price of \$13,000 including trade-in from Midway Motors of Newton. This would be a savings of \$7,000 from the amount that was budgeted. Commissioner Hague made a motion to purchase the 2012 Chevy Malibu with 21,667 miles for a price of \$13,000 including trade-in from Midway Motors of Newton. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Byron Warta read a report of EDC prospects. He also reported that the Kansas Water Authority is looking at redirecting some water from the Missouri River through canals to recharge the aquifer, but there would be a lot of legal issues to overcome. He stated that the Hangar W base is completed at the Newton City/County Airport.

Sheriff T. Walton reported that his department was involved in the search for a missing Hutchinson man and that he was found. He also stated that the shower project in the detention center is completed for this year.

Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that he has the signed contracts with MKEC Engineering; he is turning them over to administration. He also said that he received the proposal form MKEC for the biennial bridge inspection; he will review it closer before presenting it to the commissioners.

Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported that her department is working on a KDHE grant proposal due March 10 for infant car seats. She also reported that they are awaiting a final drawing for the Pine Street facility and that they are still discussing staff alignment.

Tallgrass Pony Express Pipeline, LLC representatives Dorothy Cowey, Johnny Patterson, Steve Jay & Mitchell Putman updated the commission on the progress of the pipeline construction. Steve reported that progress is going very well and they are being treated courteously by the public. He reported that construction in Harvey County should be completed in the next 2 weeks, except for tie-ins and restoration. Commissioner Krehbiel asked how they were handling creek beds, Steve answered that they are drilling the pipeline 5 feet under all creek beds and waterways. The commissioners commended them on the progress and professionalism of the project and thanked them for a job well done.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$85,122.41 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$31,900.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:27 a.m. Richard Denno called the meeting of the Public Building Commission to order. In addition to Mr. Denno, Robert Nattier, Tim Johnson, Gene Wendling & Randy Hague were in attendance.

The minutes of the February 10, 2014 PBC meeting were presented. Robert Nattier made a motion to approve the minutes and Tim Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tim Johnson motioned to adopt **PBC Resolution No. 2014-2** to issue bonds for hangar improvements at the Newton City/County Airport and enter into base lease and lease agreements with Harvey County and the City of Newton with pending changes by staff and counsel, seconded by Robert Nattier. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:35 Gene Wendling motioned to adjourn the PBC meeting, seconded by Randy Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall motioned to adopt **Resolution No. 2014-7** authorizing entering into a lease and a base lease with the PBC for the hangar improvement project at the Newton City/County Airport. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

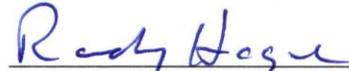
Anthony reported that he received an email from Craig Clough stating that the vehicle that was approved for purchase earlier was no longer available. The commissioners agreed that the purchase should proceed if a comparable vehicle, as determined by staff, becomes available.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

