

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 6, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 6, 2014 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

There were no items added to the agenda.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The REAP South Central KS Legislative Delegation will meet on Thursday, January 9th at 4:15 p.m. rather than 9:00 a.m. as listed on the calendar. The meeting will be held at the Wichita Technical College-NCAT Campus.
2. Commissioner Westfall and Anthony Swartzendruber will meet with the EDC Tuesday, January 7th at 2:30 p.m. to sign paperwork for the CDBG grant to be awarded to Those Blasted Signs.
3. Commissioner Hague will attend the PBC meeting to be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 7th.
4. Commissioner Hague will attend the Council of Governments meeting to be held at the Breadbasket on Wednesday, January 8th.

Minutes of the December 30 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner reported that school superintendents and board members from all county school districts will attend the Council of Governments meeting on Wednesday, January 8th. They will discuss legislative priorities and issues that will likely have tax impacts in the County.
2. The Commissioners received a copy of a letter from KCAMP that accompanied a premium refund check in the amount of \$2,940.00 for meeting the requirements of the Bronze level of the Risk Management Premium Credit Program. This program seeks to educate employees on exposures that can result in liability claims. .
3. The Commissioners received a copy of a map detailing the route of the Pony Express pipeline that will connect with an existing pipeline in Lincoln County. The new pipeline will then angle southeast, traversing Harvey County, and then south into Oklahoma. Work in Harvey County is expected to take 2-4 months. Contractors anticipate the project will be complete and operational by late summer.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2014-1**, establishing salaries for elected officials of Harvey County. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2014-2**, appointing and designating the Newton Kansan as the official county newspaper. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

6. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2014-3**, appointing and designating First Bank of Newton as the official depository for Harvey County. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2014-4** urging the Kansas Legislature and Governor Sam Brownback to retain the mortgage registration fee, as provided in K.S.A. 79-3102, and reject any or all legislative proposals abolishing such fee. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. Todd Hanchett, Undersheriff, presented an invitation to bidders for the purchase of four 2014 Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicles. These vehicles are all-wheel drive and are reported to function much better during inclement weather. Bids will be sent to several vehicle dealerships, including local dealerships. Commissioner Hague made a motion to give the authority to Undersheriff Hanchett to send out the invitation to bidders as presented. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
9. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported on the weekend snow storm and the response of the department. It was not possible to clear any roads on Saturday night because of the type of snow that fell and the wind involved. Staff went out on Sunday morning and Kevin went out Saturday night and could not do anything. Equipment operators came in on Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. Although there was significant drifting the roads are in fairly good shape now. Jim said that his staff has worked Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Day, and weekends. They receive regular wage plus holiday pay for those days because of the holidays involved. He said that KDOT pays their equipment operators an extra \$2.00 per hour any time they are called out. He said that the staff has been very cooperative and none of them has complained, but he is concerned about it. Discussion was held about this issue and how it should be handled. The Commissioners suggested that Jim check with other counties to see how they handle this type of issue.
10. Jim reported that Foley Equipment is going to provide the food for the township dinner to be held on February 10th. They will also provide a road grader simulator for that evening. Jim also reported that he is working on specifications for rock beds for dump trucks.
11. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he is in the process of completing the year end review for the 2013 year. The report indicates that crime is down, but there was an increase in calls for service. Road fatalities are down. He reported that he talked with the State Attorney General's Office about employees being allowed to carry weapons to work if they have a concealed carry license. The AG Office has asked the Logics Division to review this issue and they are expected to have a report in two weeks.
12. Byron Warta reported that the Kansas Water Authority will be meeting the last week of January.
13. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that contracts for the community hangar building at the Newton City/County Airport have been signed and there will be a bond rating call during the week of January 21st.

14. Joyce Truskett, County Clerk, reported that the Clerk's Office is considering assisting Townships in the preparation of budgets for 2014. In the past, townships have paid a consultant to help prepare the budgets. Anthony said that this could be a liability exposure, so he will talk to KCAMP.

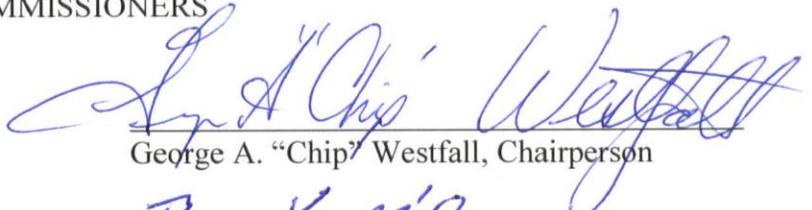
CITIZENS FORUM:

Terry Jacobs attended the meeting and reported on ongoing activity to deal with increasing copper wire thefts in the state. Marc Bennett, Sedgwick County District Attorney, is in the process of writing a bill to be presented to the legislature. Discussion was held about how the thefts occur and penalties for metal dealers that sell the stolen copper. It was also suggested that surrounding states become involved to curb the sale of stolen copper across state lines. Chairman Westfall said that the bill needs to be presented in the next two weeks to make sure it gets on the legislative docket. Discussion was also held about road magnets to collect metal on township roads.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$389,154.28 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

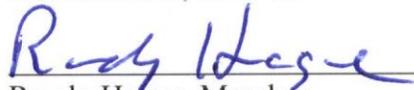
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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson


Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk


Randy Hague, Member

