

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

**January 27, 2014**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 27, 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 gave a report of items discussed during the REAP Legislative meeting held last Friday. Items included changes to the family protection act, the repeal of the mortgage registration fee, and changes to the so-called “fixtures” bill. There will be a hearing on the mortgage registration fee bill beginning on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel talked about concrete versus steel bridges. Steel is about half the cost. Jim explained the differences between the types of bridges we have built.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. A regional dinner sponsored by the KAC will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at the Meridian Center. The Kansas Water Office will talk about the state’s 50-year water plan. All three commissioners will attend.
2. There will be a breakfast meeting with the Harvey County Farm Bureau at the Breadbasket at 7:00 a.m. on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. The annual Conservation District meeting and dinner will be held at Halstead High School at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Minutes of the January 21, 2014 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner reported that facility fee being charged by the Motor Vehicle Department in the Treasurer’s Office varies from county to county. Harvey County charges \$2.50, Marion County charges \$2.00, Butler County charges \$3.00, and Shawnee County charges \$5.00 per title and \$3.00 per renewal.
2. The Newton City Commission has requested a joint meeting with the County Commissioners to be held on either February 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. The Commission agreed on the date of February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Items discussed will be EDC related issues and the possible expansion of the Kansas Logistics Park Development Authority.
3. John reported that the National Association of Counties is working on a project with the University of Texas relating to economic development issues in counties. They have selected Harvey County as one of the counties to interview about the collaboration of the County and the City of Newton in the development of the Kansas Logistics Park. A list of five or six people who might be willing to be interviewed will be provided to them.
4. John requested a brief executive session at the end of the meeting.

5. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that a power pole was broken last night by strong winds. He said they are still working trying to get the traffic count that was taken from West Park during the Boy Scout Trappers Rendezvous.
6. Byron Warta reported that he will be attending the Kansas Water Authority meeting in Topeka this week.
7. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported that interviews for the Assistant Director's position are scheduled for later this week. The final plans for the renovation of the building on South Pine Street that will house the collaboration of the Health Department, Prairie View, and Health Ministries have not yet been completed. John asked if the commission would like to walk through the building prior to the beginning of renovations. The Commissioners agreed to wait until renovations are begun.
8. Anthony reported that the bond rating call with Standard and Poor's went very well and the county should receive a printed response soon. The City of Newton is also being rated because both the City and the County will be backing the bonds for community hangar at the airport.
9. Anthony reported that 1/3 of the phones in the courthouse were replaced as budgeted. The old phones will be used in the building that will house the collaboration between Prairie View, Health Ministries, and the Health Department. He also reported that January sales tax reports have been received and indicate a decrease of 2.4% from the same period last year. This report reflects November, 2013 sales. The Commissioners received a revised budget calendar which indicates that budget hearings will be held beginning at the Commission meeting on May 27 and ending with the Commission meeting on June 23.
10. A short discussion was held regarding the purchase of vehicles for the county. The Parks Department has budgeted \$10,000 for the purchase of a vehicle, but this will have to be a used vehicle.
11. Kim Rowley, Parks Director, has reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan for the Parks and is proposing to forgo three budgeted projects in order to purchase new playground equipment for West Park. The existing equipment is no longer certified. The three budgeted projects are a tiller for East Park, the kitchen remodel at Camp Hawk, and the building addition at West Park. She hopes to be able to get some grant money to assist with the playground equipment purchase.
12. Commissioner Westfall reported that one of the detectives in the Sheriff's office was instrumental in helping to clear up a bank robbery in Wichita.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$146,872.40 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously. Anthony reported that this is the last week that checks for 2013 payments will be presented.

At 10:15 a.m., Todd Hanchett, Undersheriff, opened bids from three dealerships for the purchase of four 2014 Ford Police Interceptors/Utility vehicles. Bid requests were sent to eight dealerships and three bids were received as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Mel Hambelton</u>	<u>Midwest Superstore</u>	<u>Rusty Eck</u>
4 Ford Police Interceptors	\$108,720.00	\$107,488.00	\$108,715.24
2 Trade-in 2010 Chevy Impalas	(8,000.00)	(6,500.00)	(9,000.00)
1 Trade-in 2011 Chevy Impala	(4,000.00)	(3,000.00)	(5,500.00)
1 Trade-in 2007 Dodge Charger	(4,500.00)	(4,000.00)	(4,800.00)
Delivery Cost	None	None	None
Delivery Date	120 Days	56-70 Days	90-100 Days
Net Bid w/Trade	\$92,220.00	\$93,988.00	\$89,415.24

Possible Options:

Ballistic Door Panel	1,385.00	1,384.00	1,384.00
Noise-suppression bonds	90.00	87.00	87.00

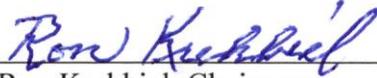
Following a review of all bids by Undersheriff Hanchett and verification that all specifications were met, Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the low bid from Rusty Eck Ford with no options included. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Anthony gave the Commissioners comparisons of what vehicles would cost if these same vehicles were purchased through the state contract. The cost per vehicle was \$26,456 or \$105,824 for four. However, there would be no option to trade in vehicles.

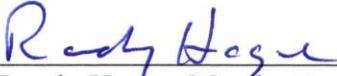
Joe Hurla, Aaron Etkorn, and Aaron Vise, 360 Energy Engineers updated the Commission on the progress of the investment grade audit. They are beginning the design phase process of the project and want to review the goals and make sure that all of the expectations are being met and deal with issues that have significant budget implications. Aaron Etkorn reviewed the initial goals of the project and the scope of work to be performed. He also reviewed some changes in the project that have arisen during the audit. These include the corridor ceilings in the courthouse, the existing acoustical ceilings and lighting fixtures, glass entry doors, and additional mechanical problems in the boiler room of the Law Enforcement Center. The courthouse HVAC system design recommendation is either a hybrid water source heat pump at an estimated 25-year life cycle cost of \$3,546,944 or a hybrid ground source heat pump at an estimated 25-year life cycle cost of \$3,573.04. They believe the hybrid ground source heat pump system is the best option. Other decisions that need to be made have to do with window replacement and window blinds. Joe Hurla reviewed the financial implications of the project. Terry Stuber with the state energy office attended and stated if the project is financed through the state energy office, the cost will need to be kept down to fit within the 30 year payback.

At 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss attorney/client privilege and personnel issues. Commissioner Westfall 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. At 12:00 p.m. Counselor Greg Nye, Anthony Swartzendruber, and Joyce Truskett left the session. Executive session ended at 12:05 p.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

  
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Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

