

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

**July 7, 2014**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 7, 2014 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Chairman Krehbiel reported that West Park had very low attendance for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. He also reported that work continues on the removal of the debris pile north of the bridge on NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street. He said there is also a debris pile against the pilings of the bridge on West 1<sup>st</sup> Street that will need to be removed.
2. Commissioner Westfall asked when a new Parks Director would be hired, and suggested that it might be advisable to have someone in place by the Labor Day weekend. John Waltner advised that there are staff members in place at the Parks that are able to maintain the programs and procedures put into place by the former director. It would be difficult for the new director to begin in the middle of the summer season. Commissioner Hague suggested that the decision not be rushed. Following additional discussion, the Commission agreed to wait to hire a new director.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall will not be able to attend a REAP meeting to be held this Friday, July 11 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting requires that a voting member attend, so Commissioner Westfall requested that Commissioner Hague, as the alternate voting member, attend in his place.
2. The 4-H picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 22.
3. The Harvey County Fair parade will be held Saturday, August 2 at 5:00 p.m.
4. There will be a Prairie View Advisory Board meeting held on August 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Prairie View.

Minutes of the June 30, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner, Administrator, reported that there is maintenance that needs to be done at the Fairgrounds. There is some erosion in the parking lots and near the downspouts on the livestock building. John has talked with Kevin Schmidt, foreman at the Road and Bridge Department, who has agreed to make sure the repairs get done.
2. John reported that there is an individual in Halstead that has made a proposal to purchase the old Halstead Hospital property. The proposal is somewhat complicated, but the auction has been postponed.
3. John and Don Gruver, Director of 911 Communications, met with a tower company last week to discuss the possible construction of a radio tower to locate communication equipment on. A meeting with representatives from Hutchinson Community College is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss leasing space on an existing HCC tower.

- Commissioner Krehbiel has been contacted by a landowner who has offered a site for the construction of a tower if that option is chosen.
4. Annette Graham, Director of the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging, presented the required annual plan and application for a grant award to be submitted to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. The plan, which is for a three year period of 2014 to 2017, lists how the federal funds will be utilized. The grant award is for the year of 2015 and includes the counties of Sedgwick, Butler, and Harvey. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the plan and grant request and authorize Dave Unruh, Chairman of the Sedgwick County Commission, to sign the application. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  5. Rich Hanley, Director of Harvey County Department on Aging, presented a change to the Anti-Drug and Alcohol Misuse Prevention Policy for the Harvey County Interurban. The change states that if there is a verified adulterated or substituted test result, it shall be considered a refusal to test. KDOT has recommended this change. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the change to the drug and alcohol policy. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  6. Rich presented recommendations for the reappointment of Neva Frey and Eva May McGee to the Harvey County Council on Aging. Commissioner Hague made a motion to waive the second week's reading and reappoint both Neva and Eva to the Council for terms to commence on July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2017, authorizing the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  7. Kass Miller, East Park Supervisor, reported that although East Park was very busy over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, West Park was very slow. The air conditioning unit in the West Park Community Center apparently has a coolant leak and will need to be repaired. West Park lost power for about 2 ½ hours and the a/c leak was discovered after that.
  8. Jim Meier, Superintendent of the Road and Bridge Department, reported that pilings are now being driven on the Burmac Bridge. There will be an overrun on piling costs because the geology was off. He also reported that patching on NW 12<sup>th</sup> is nearly completed and then the crews will begin the patching on NE 60<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that he met with MKEC to finalize plans on the repair of the road south of Halstead. MKEC has suggested that the road be milled by 4" and then place a Tensar layer over the milled surface. Surface material will then be the final layer.
  9. A brief discussion was held regarding the cost of a proposal to add an additional matching culvert to an existing culvert for drainage at the airport. Commissioner Westfall asked Jim if we could possibly do it cheaper than the proposed \$42,000. He will look into it.
  10. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the department was backlogged with numerous calls over the holiday weekend. Calls had to be prioritized and Sheriff Walton apologized to any citizens who had to wait for a response to their call. He also reported that there are cracks in the sidewalk outside the law enforcement center which the City of Newton has requested that the County repair. The Sheriff will speak at the all day budget meeting next Tuesday regarding funding for the PREA regarding the inmate rape prevention bill that was passed by congress.
  11. Byron Warta reported there is a state water meeting in Wichita this morning at 11:00

a.m. The draft of the Governor's 50 Year Water Plan will be revealed to the public. He also reported that the footings are in at the site of the ABI building at the Airport. The contractor on Hangar W continues to do some minor things at the Hangar, preparing to paint the floor there next week. He said there is a very interesting article in the Wichita Business Journal regarding the ABI Company.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$121,229.63 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$875.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commission was recessed at 10:00 a.m. for a 15 minute break followed by a meeting of the Public Building Commission.

At 10:15 a.m. Rich Denno called a meeting of the Public Building Commission to order. PBC members present in addition to Mr. Denno were Tim Johnson, Eugene Wendling, and Commissioner Hague.

Eugene Wendling made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014 PBC meeting. Tim Johnson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**PBC Resolution No 2014-5**, authorizing the offering for sale of revenue bonds, series, 2014 was presented for consideration. The bonds will be used to finance the energy upgrade for the Courthouse, Detention Center, and Law Enforcement Center. Kevin Cowan, Bond Counsel, explained the process for the bond sale and the lease to the County. Bids are due the morning of August 18 and Springsted, the appointed financial advisor for the County, will review all bids and then make a recommendation to the PBC at a meeting scheduled for late in the afternoon on the same day. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve **PBC Resolution No. 2014-5**. Tim Johnson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

With no further business to come before the PBC, Eugene Wendling made a motion to adjourn the PBC meeting at 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting of the Board of Harvey County Commissioners was called back to order. **Resolution No. 2014-18**, approving the sale of Harvey County Public Building Commission revenue bonds, series 2014C and a preliminary official statement for such bonds, and authorizing related matters. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2014-18** and Commissioner Hague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Ron Morford, Coroner, and Karen Robb, Coroner Assistant, presented the 2015 proposed budget for the Harvey County Coroner's Office. Dr. Morford explained that there are three deputy coroners and five death investigators. So far this year, the coroner has handled 71 cases in the first six months of this year, which is a record number. There were 17 autopsies performed so far. Dr. Morford

explained the line item increases in the budget, including autopsy services and salaries and wages. McPherson County reimburses an amount for coroner services and discussion was held regarding the differences in the amounts that Harvey and McPherson Counties pay. Also discussed was the possible separation of the Coroner's Office and the Sheriff's Office.

Anthony presented a complete working copy of the 2015 proposed budget to all the Commissioners. The annual budget meeting to discuss and make possible changes to the proposed budget will be held on Tuesday, July 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35p.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

