

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 14, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 14, 2014 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Hague asked if there have been any additional complaints or discussion on the speed limit changes on SW 48th Street. John Waltner reported that he has heard nothing further.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall will attend a 911 Board meeting on Thursday, July 17 at the Law Enforcement Center.
2. All three Commissioners and their spouses will attend the 4-H picnic to be held at Athletic Park on July 22.

Minutes of the July 7, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, presented a commemorative picture of the 2013 Harvey County Rodeo given to the Commission by the Newton Saddle Club in recognition of their support of the rodeo.
2. John gave the Commissioners a spreadsheet of a utilities review for the Harvey County Parks for the 2013 year. In addition to utility expenditures, the report also contains a summary of revenues received from the sale of utility permits.
3. John reported that Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, has been contacted by KDHE requesting permission to deposit contaminated soil at a site at the Transfer Station. The soil would have to be spread out, turned periodically, and tested until the contaminates has evaporated out. There is a location east of the scale house that could accommodate the needs of KDHE.
4. John, Anthony Swartzendruber, and Linda Kientz met with the benefits representatives for Harvey County to determine the projected increase for employee health and dental insurance for 2015. There will be an additional meeting this afternoon which will hopefully provide more details.
5. Craig Clough, Appraiser, presented an agreement with McCully & Associates to perform consulting services for the Harvey County Appraiser's Office. Proposed compensation for this consulting is \$26,900, which is the same amount that was paid last year. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the consulting agreement as presented. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. Willis Heck, Harvey County representative to the Highway 50 Association, reported on a KDOT freight task force meeting that was held last week. Freight routes were

identified and prioritized for the state. There was also discussion held at the meeting regarding the possible increase of the motor fuel tax by congress. He also reported that the T-WORKS program in Kansas is progressing well. The next KDOT meeting will be held in August.

7. Roy Patton reported that a request has been made to KDHE to extend the construction and demolition landfill vertically. He has asked for an extension of the July 1st deadline because he does not yet have the closure costs estimates from MKEC Engineering. The Division Chief of the permitting section of KDHE has asked for a meeting with Roy tomorrow to look at the plot plans of the transfer station and discuss the vertical expansion. The vertical expansion request would enable the C & D landfill to add another 10 feet vertically, and continue operation for another five years.
8. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the Sheriff's Department has had a busy week and a busy weekend. He will address his officers today with regard to the changes in the open carry law, which took effect on July 1st. He will talk about what the law entails and office safety. He also reported that an inmate at the Detention Center was hospitalized over the weekend. A cardiac catheterization was required which will have to be paid with county funds.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$752,207.53 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously. A check written to the City of Newton two weeks ago, but not approved for payment, was also reconsidered. The payment is for change orders associated with the construction of the community hangar at the Newton City/County Airport. However, the payment also included assessed FAA penalties because City of Newton Staff failed to submit paperwork in a timely manner. Commissioner Hague made a motion to void the check previously written to the City of Newton and reissue a check excluding payment of any charges related to penalties. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony presented a proposed change to the Fund Balance Policy for Harvey County. The changes include increasing the fund balance requirement for the General Fund from 10 to 15 percent; removing the Election Expense Fund, the Mental Health Fund, the Mental Retardation Fund, the Conservation District Fund, and the 911 Land Line Fund; and adding the 911 Combined Fund. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the changes in the Fund Balance Policy as presented. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony presented a draft of a proposed Harvey County Investment Policy. Up to this time, the County Treasurer has been responsible for the investment of idle funds for the County. The proposed policy delegates the authority jointly to the Treasurer and the Assistant County Administrator/Director of Finance. The general objectives of the policy shall be to safeguard the county funds, liquidity, return on investment, and promotion of Harvey County financial institutions.

The Commission took a ten minute break at 10:10 a.m.

At 10:20 a.m., Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, introduced Karl Svaty and Keith Ayotte, structural engineers with MKEC, to discuss a possible solution to repair the bridge on NW 36th Street near Harvey County West Park. Mr. Svaty explained the repair procedure, but cautioned that this is a temporary solution. The bridge is a lower weight limit bridge that is probably not adequate for the equipment and vehicles that now travel the bridge. The bridge will need to be replaced at some time in the future. Mr. Svaty said that the repair should cost about \$10,000 but there may be some difficulty in finding a contractor to do such a small job. Jim will check and see if there is a contractor that could do the job. He also reported that Road and Bridge crews are removing as much debris as possible from the bridge on 1st Street.

At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss economic development. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, Joyce Truskett, and Mickey Fornaro-Dean. Byron Warta joined the session at 11:03 a.m. Executive session ended at 11:05 a.m. with no action being taken. Commissioner Hague moved to extend the executive session for an additional 15 minutes. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also attending were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, Joyce Truskett, Mickey Fornaro-Dean, and Byron Warta. Executive session ended at 11:20 a.m. with no action being taken.

At 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 11:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss attorney/client privilege and pending litigation. Commissioner Hague 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. Executive session ended at 11:40 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk
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Ron Krenbiel
Ron Krenbiel, Chairperson

Randy Hague
Randy Hague, Member

George A. "Chip" Westfall
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