

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

**Special Budget Work Session**

**July 15, 2014**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in special session on July 15, 2014 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Anthony Swartzendruber reviewed the 2015 proposed Harvey County budget. He compared projected revenues for all departments in with the actual revenues for 2013. The comparison reflects an increase of approximately \$100,000.

The proposed expenditures for each department in the general fund were explained and reviewed. Personnel expenses will increase for the County Attorney's Department with the provision for an additional assistant attorney. This also includes expenses for a computer, desk, and other office equipment for the additional staff person.

Following discussion, the amount budgeted for the reimbursement from McPherson County for the coroner's office will be increased by \$10,000. Discussion was held about whether to move the Coroner's secretary out of the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff T. Walton addressed the Commission regarding his request to add an additional full-time deputy, eliminating three part-time deputies. He presented information regarding the number of calls being received by the department and the calls from various communities in the county that are being handled by the Sheriff's Department rather than city law enforcement. He also explained the requirements of PREA, which is the Prison Rape Elimination Act. Non-compliance will prevent federal prisoners from being housed at the Detention Center, which will significantly reduce revenues there. Estimated costs associated with compliance are \$40,000 to \$50,000.

The Communications departmental budget includes the addition of a full-time radio technician to provide assistance in the conversion to the 800 Hhz radio system.

The Emergency Management budget includes the addition of one part-time staff member.

Although the Health Department is not increasing staff, the budget includes increases in salaries and wages because there are staff positions that will now be paid by tax revenues rather than grant funding.

All remaining departmental budgets were reviewed and discussed. The 2015 budget, as presented, will reflect a .656 mill levy increase.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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*Ron Krehbiel*  
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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

*Randy Hague*  
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Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

*Joyce Truskett*  
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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

*George A. "Chip" Westfall*  
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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member