

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 9, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 9, 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 inquired about the ownership of the lots that will be on an upcoming tax sale. They were removed from a prior tax sale so they are still owned by the previous owner. The lots need to be mowed and Commissioner Westfall has received some complaints. The City of Newton will be advised so the lots can be mowed.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel received a request from a landowner to construct a low water bridge where a bridge was closed on 102nd St.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall will attend a REAP Executive meeting at the new Work Force Center location at 2021 N Amidon, Suite #1100, in Wichita at 11:30 on Thursday, June 12.
2. The all-day budget meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. on July 15.
3. The Grand Opening of the Workforce Center will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
4. A farewell and welcome reception will be held at the Hutchinson Community College, Newton Center for outgoing President Dr. Berger and incoming President Dr. File on June 18 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of the June 9, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner reported that Counselor Greg Nye will not be in attendance until later this morning.
2. The Commissioners received a copy of a letter sent to Commissioners in Lyon, Chase, and Marion Counties inviting them to attend a meeting regarding the development of Highway 50 between Emporia and Newton. The meeting will be held at the Grand Central Hotel Restaurant in Cottonwood Falls on June 25th at 6:30 p.m. Willis Heck will also attend.
3. The Commissioners received a copy of an email from Suzanne Loomis, Newton City Engineer, stating that KDOT has now approved a bicycle sign for use by cities and counties.
4. John reported that Harvey County, in addition to other selected counties across the nation, will be included in a NACO study regarding how various counties handle economic development. Interviews were conducted with Randy Riggs, Mickey Fornaro-Dean, John, and Anthony Swartzendruber.

5. John reported that David Yoder, County Attorney, will be having surgery in two weeks and will be out of the office for a number of weeks following. A temporary full-time employee, maybe a recent law school graduate, will be hired to help with the case load.
6. Gina Bell, Director of Planning and Zoning, has received a request from a land owner to waive the road impact fee. The landowner will be building a home on property that was recently split from another property that already has a home on it. A township board member from the township involved also asked that the fee be waived. The waiver could only be granted by the Commissioners.
7. Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, addressed the Commission as the County Board of Health and explained that the Health Department is required by law to perform annual school inspections for all schools, both public and private, in the county. Although there are no guidelines for the inspections, they will be looking for such things as mold, the availability of hot water, leaking commodes, etc. Reno County, who has staff experienced at doing the inspections, is willing to contract to do them in Harvey County. Commissioner Westfall suggested that the inspection be done in conjunction with other inspections, such as fire inspections and kitchen inspections that are performed by other agencies. Lynette also reported that they will be setting up a garage on a concrete pad in the former ICM area at the landfill where the trailer and emergency management supplies will be stored. This will enable them to have extra storage as they are losing some storage space when they move to the Pine Street location. The building will be paid for with funds from the City's Readiness Initiative. The Health Department is applying for a new Kansas Commission Volunteer Grant in the amount of \$5,000. This will enable them to hire a person for a 4-month period to get all existing Medical Reserve Corp volunteers credentialed and to recruit new volunteers and get them credentialed. An in-kind grant match is required which includes rent for the space, use of computers and phones, use of supplies, and some of Lynnette's time. The Family Planning Division will be closing at the end of this month. There is an OB/GYN that is interested in purchasing some of the leftover equipment and supplies. Some of the items may also be given to Health Ministries. Lynnette also updated the Board of Health on the outbreak of E. coli in several children in Harvey County. Two have developed HUS, which is a severe complication. The State will be here today to interview the parents of the children to try to determine the source of the E. coli.
8. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented an agreement with the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation to exchange the County's 2014 Federal Fund allotment for State Funds at a rate of ninety percent. Commissioner Hague made a motion to accept the agreement and Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, presented an employment service agreement to employ an on-call juvenile intake and assessment worker beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Commissioner Westfall made a motion for Harvey County to enter into the Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections employment service agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

10. Kim Rowley, Director of Parks, reported that Kass Miller handled everything very well at the Parks during her absence for the past two weeks.
11. Jim Meier reported that the hot in-place recycle is scheduled to begin on July 17th. Jim invited the Commissioners to view a presentation that Dustrol has given him on the new surfacing process they use. Jim also reported that he met with APAC who will be doing the surfacing on Walton Road. He also thanked the Kansan for the article about the difficulties presented when drivers ignore the barricades and drive through work zones.
12. Sheriff T. Walton reported that Todd Hanchett, Undersheriff, handled numerous issues last week while the Sheriff was away on vacation. There was a suffocation death of a baby, a car/pedestrian fatality, and a suicide attempt.
13. Byron Warta reported that the insulation and metal skin have been completed on the new hangar at the airport. The water line, sewer line and electric line have also been completed to the ABI building site there.
14. Anthony reported that the FCIP contract that was signed last Monday has now also been approved and signed by the state. 360 Energy Engineers will be working on providing a construction bond to us. The financial advisors have advised that a competitive bond sale can be held in August and the County would receive the proceeds in September. The contract with iSi Environmental for asbestos abatement was signed this past week. Abatement probably will not start until the first part of July. He also talked with Paradigm about the air clearance testing and they have stated that they will not perform air clearance testing until all the weekend work by iSi is done. He said it is unlikely that there would be a failed test. Anthony also reported that he attended a budget workshop last week where changes enacted by the legislature were discussed. The Legislature has decreased the amount of interest that can be charged on delinquent taxes. If the growth in assessed valuation for an entity is more than the CPI the result of the vote will have to be published in the official county newspaper. Counties have now been given the ability to invest in federal agency securities for up to two years.
15. The Commissioners received a copy of the final audit for 2013. There were no budget violations, no significant deficiencies, and no material weaknesses.
16. The Commissioners received a communication from Gilmore and Bell regarding an initiative by the Securities and Exchange Commission to check compliance of underwriters and municipal issuers. Gilmore and Bell will be reviewing the county records for disclosure compliance.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizens Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$102,635.57 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Lynnette Redington and Patrick Mwangi presented the proposed 2015 budget for the Health Department. The accomplishments for 2013 and the goals and initiatives for 2014 were reviewed. The major change for the Health Department is the move to the new location at 215 S Pine Street. The move is scheduled to occur in July. There are some additional details to work out with the other

entities, including the amount of rent to be paid by Harvey County and Health Ministries and how the utility costs will be divided. The Department is also planning to convert their medical records to electronic records by January of 2015. The budget includes an increased amount for rent, capital outlay requests of \$2,200 for 2 computers and an audiometer, and \$50,000 for the medical records conversion.

Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, reviewed the accomplishments of the Department for the 2013 year, including increased separation of trash on the transfer station floor, and the reduction of overtime. The bond for the transfer station building and the recycling building will be paid off this year, but Anthony recommends that the same amount be transferred to the capital improvement fund for future equipment purchases. The 2015 proposed budget includes a capital outlay request of \$1,000 for the purchase of a computer and \$7,200 to replace the heating and cooling in the scale house.

LDeena Jones, District Court Clerk, presented the proposed 2015 budget for District Court. The budget includes a request for increased professional data processing services and increased travel funding due to increased trips to and from McPherson. Requests for capital outlay include \$2,880 for conference room chairs; \$13,200 for data processing equipment; and \$12,950 for scanners, microphones, a recording system, and a server.

Gina Bell presented the proposed 2015 budget for Planning, Zoning, and Environmental. There are no significant increases in the proposed budget which includes a capital outlay request of \$500 for the purchase of a projector.

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Jim Meier reviewed the accomplishments of the Road and Bridge Department during the year 2013. Equipment purchases included two Class 8 Dump Trucks, a water truck, new fuel dispensers, mowing flex arm attachment, and a color printer/scanner/copier. Road and Bridge crews replaced a culvert with a repurposed railroad tank car, completed an overlay on South Hertzler and Dutch Ave, worked through a record snow event in February and record rains and wind storms during the summer. The department is also nearing completion of a two-year project to replace all the signs in the county. Projects to be completed in 2014 are patching on roads to be resurfaced and a major patching project on S. Halstead Road, where the road surface has cracked. Hot in-place recycling resurfacing on NW 12th from Halstead Road to Ridge Road and HIPR resurfacing on 1st Street from the Newton City limits to Rock Road will also be completed. Bridge replacements are scheduled for the Burmac Bridge and the bridge on S. West Road, north of SW 60th. Bridge repairs are scheduled on three other bridges. The proposed 2015 Road and Bridge budget contains requests for the purchase of a motor-grader, wheel loader, semi tractor, dump truck, pickup, and a mower. Bridge replacements projected in the budget include a bridge on SE 36th Street ½ mile west of East Lake Road, and a bridge on Mission Road 0.1 mile north of West Dutch.

David Yoder, County Attorney, and Deniece Giersch, Office Coordinator, presented the proposed 2015 budget for the Attorney's Office. Counselor Yoder informed the Commissioners that the Attorney's Office can no longer handle the case load with only three prosecutors. Therefore the proposed budget includes provisions to hire a full-time assistant attorney. The office filed 572 more

cases in 2013 than in 2012, and the workload of the office continues to increase. The budget also includes \$4,800 for the purchase of new computers and a document shredder. Counselor Yoder will be out of the office for approximately six weeks following surgery. Discussion was held about options for temporary help during the time he will be out of the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

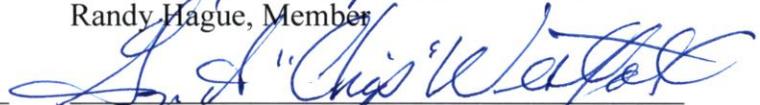


Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

