

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 16, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 16, 2014 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. The bridge on NW 36th Street over the Little Arkansas River, adjacent to Harvey County West Park, was closed last week because one of the bridge pilings has been damaged. According to Karl Svaty, Engineer, the damage was caused by debris against the pilings for an extended period of time. It cannot be determined whether any of the other pilings are damaged until the water recedes. The bridge is within the Little Arkansas River Drainage District and the district is responsible for cleaning the debris. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, contacted the Drainage District after the flood last summer and reported the debris. He said that the river carries a tremendous amount of drift in this location, even when there is no flooding. The bridge pilings on the bridge were repaired by the Road and Bridge Department in 1999. A meeting will be scheduled with Mike Creach, Phil Schmitt, and Kenneth Wiens, officers of the Drainage District, to discuss the issue.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel asked if the Road & Bridge Department would be able to put a crown on River Park Road. Jim reported that one of the crew members is already working out there this morning to repair the road.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The primary election will be held on August 5.
2. Duane Goossen will be the featured speaker at the Newton Chamber Breakfast this Friday morning.

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, Administrator, will keep the Commissioners informed as to the developments on the bridge that was closed. Additional information will be available after the water recedes and the engineer is able to see more.
2. Sandy Tozier, Motor Vehicle Clerk, has returned to work in the Treasurer's Office after an extended Medical Leave.
3. John reported that he received an e-mail from Terry Jacobs, who keeps him updated on the continuing effort to curb metal thefts in the county. Mr. Jacobs continues to work with Sedgwick County District Attorney, Marc Bennett, who is attempting to get some type of legislation passed to help with this problem. Mr. Jacobs has also developed a magnet that attaches to a road grader to pick up metal debris on gravel and sand roads.

- He reports that he has made modifications to the magnet to enable easier release and disposal of the metal debris. The new modifications are now being tested.
4. Duane Goossen will speak at the Chamber Breakfast this Friday. He will present a modified version of a presentation he gave to Commissioners at the KCCA.
 5. The Commissioners received information on an application for a special use permit for the operation of a horse race track in rural Harvey County. The Harvey County Regional Planning Commission met and voted to recommend approval of the permit. Counselor Nye said there are still some issues that need to be dealt with at the public hearing.
 6. Joe Hurla and Deryl Sarver, representatives from 360 Energy Engineers, were here last week to gather information to develop a schedule for the energy upgrade. A meeting with all the sub-contractors of the project will be scheduled for early July. Anthony sent an e-mail to all employees this morning informing them of the upcoming work. The Commissioners asked if there will be an overseer hired to help with the scheduling and logistics involved with each area of the courthouse.
 7. John attended a meeting with Lynnette Redington, Jessie Kaye, and the CFO of Prairie View last week to discuss more of the details of the co-location of the Health Department, Prairie View, and Health Ministries in the facility on South Pine Street. There will also be a pharmacy located in the building. An exact move-in date is not yet set, but will likely occur in early fall. Rent for each of the entities was also discussed.
 8. The Commissioners received a copy of a letter from the South Central Kansas Economic Development District. John recommended that we continue the relationship with SCKEDD. The fee for Harvey County is \$5,896.28.
 9. The Commissioners received a letter of recommendation from Elizabeth Schmidt, Executive Director of the Harvey-Marion County CDDO, to re-appoint Craig Simons and Marcy Aycock to the CDDO Board. Commissioner Hague made a motion to re-appoint Craig Simons and Marcy Aycock to the Board. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 10. The Commissioners received a letter of recommendation from Janet Cagle, Director of the Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections, to re-appoint Commissioner Krehbiel to the HMCCC Advisory Board. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Krehbiel to the Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections Board. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 11. Kim Rowley, Director of Parks, reported that the CAST event held at East Lake last weekend went very well. There will be new signs put up this week at East Lake to direct park users to locations in the park. She also reported that there is a large amount of fish in the plunge pool below the dam at East Lake because of the recent high water. The State will be there this morning to determine how to move the fish.
 12. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the CAST event, which is sponsored by the Kansas Highway Patrol, was very successful. In addition to fishing, the young people were able to ride in bass boats, enjoyed a meal, received gifts, and met the Lieutenant Colonel of the Highway Patrol.
 13. Byron Warta reported that the new hangar project seems to be moving slowly right now. The hangar will hopefully be ready in July. The construction of the ABI facility

at the Airport will begin soon. He also reported that although the recent rains in the area have helped, reports are expected to continue to show that a drought continues. Anthony reported that the bond sale for courthouse energy improvements is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on August 15. The Commission will then be requested to adopt a parameters resolution and then the PBC will have to meet that afternoon. He also reported that he has been in contact with Justin Farrell of KCAMP with regard to the County policy that deals with concealed carry. Anthony and Counselor Greg Nye will draft a small modification to the policy for Commission approval before July 1.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Bill Toews, attended the meeting to request that the Commissioners grant an exemption from the road impact fee. He is building a new residence at 4361 N Sand Hill Road on a property that was split from an existing parcel that he owns. He has been granted a building and a sewage permit. The Commissioners would like to view the road and the property before making a decision. If the township agrees to waive the fee, it needs to be done in an action by the township board who in turn will notify the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will then take action.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$58,522.17 and hand written checks in the amount of \$1,140 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Meier and Allen Libel opened bids for the purchase of a hydraulic excavator. Six bids were received from five dealers. The bids received are as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Make & Model</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>	<u>Buy-Back</u>
Sellers Equipment	Doosan DX225LC	\$173,610	\$54,650
Van Keppel Co	Volvo EC220D	194,000	58,000
Foley Equipment	Caterpillar 320	202,000	118,000
Berry Tractor	Komatsu PC210LC-10	203,400	135,000
Berry Tractor	Komatsu HB215LC-1	203,400	140,000
Murphy Tractor	John Deere 210LC	212,943	129,898

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the bids as presented and authorize Road and Bridge staff to review the bids to make sure that all specifications are met. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Rich Denno presented the proposed 2015 budget for the Harvey County Free Fair. The amount requested from Harvey County is \$24,500. Line items were changed for administration, capital improvements, insurance, award ribbons, and entry cards.

Lindsey Friesen presented a proposed 2015 budget request of \$3,000 for the Saddle Club. This will help cover the costs of bringing in the PRCA Rodeo which is hosted by the Newton Saddle Club.

Anita Sauerwein Davis, Deb Smalley, Martha Gartner, Susan Jackson, Ryan Flaming , Ann Religa, Scott Eckert, and Rick Schlender presented the proposed 2015 budget for the Extension Council. Mr. Schlender thanked the Commission for the 2008 van given to the Extension Council by the Board of

Commissioners. The budget request for a county appropriation is \$328,392. The budget will be approved at next week's Commission meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 10:45 a.m. for the Commissioners to attend a Quad-County meeting in El Dorado.

At 1:47 p.m. the meeting was reconvened. Anthony Swartzendruber presented the proposed 2015 courthouse general budget. The budget includes a capital improvement request of \$17,880 for data processing equipment and \$5,000 for the continued upgrade of the courthouse phone system.

Anthony presented the proposed 2015 budget for the Bond and Interest Fund. The county currently has general obligation bonds for Schaben Road and Parking, Solid Waste facility, the Jail and Law Enforcement Center roof, KLP development, and the airport runway. The Public Building Commission has revenue bonds for the fairgrounds development and land. The budget includes \$800,000 for bond principal and \$248,892 for bond interest.

Matt Schmidt, Director of Health Ministries, presented the 2015 proposed budget appropriation for Health Ministries. Funding for this entity includes a combination of federal, state, county, and local governments, United Way, private foundations, and private donations. Health Ministries is preparing for the co-location with the Health Department and Prairie View. John stated that Matt has done a wonderful job in leading Health Ministries, putting it on a much better footing than ever before. The requested amount of the appropriation is \$40,000.

Jim Meier presented the results of the bids for the purchase of a hydraulic excavator. Atlee Preheim, Berry Tractor representative, and Shawn Smith of Foley Equipment attended to hear the results of the bid award. Jim stated that the department had a chance to demo the Caterpillar unit and because of the ease of operation and the ability of staff to perform maintenance and repair on the unit, he expressed his preference to purchase the Caterpillar from Foley Tractor. However, because of the amount of the buyback on the bid, Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the bid from Berry Tractor for the Komatsu PC210LC-10. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and the motion was passed on a vote of 2 ayes and 1 nay, with Chairman Krehbiel voting nay.

At 3:20 p.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 in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 3:30 p.m. with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ron Krehbiel

Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

Randy Hague

Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

Joyce Truskett

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

