

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 3, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 3, 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 reported that he received a complimentary report from a citizen who had been assisted by Meredith Anderson in the Motor Vehicle Department.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. John Waltner will make reservations for Commissioner Hague and Commissioner Westfall to attend the REAP Board of Directors meeting to be held at McKinley Administrative Center on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served preceding the meeting at 8:00 a.m.
2. There will be a telephone conference legislative report from Tom Bruno, lobbyist for the REAP organization, Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Anyone can dial in to hear the report.

Minutes of the February 24, 2014 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes of the February 18, 2014 Joint City/County work session were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management; Gina Bell, Director of Planning and Zoning, and John Waltner met with a property owner located west of Halstead whose property is now located in a flood plain according to the revised FEMA flood maps. The property owner inquired about mitigation to possibly re-locate or construct some type of a berm or dike around the property. He received paperwork to apply for mitigation which requires a 25% match.
2. John, Anthony Swartzendruber, Courtney Becker, and Don Gruver, had a meeting with staff from Reno County regarding co-locating emergency dispatch equipment on an existing communications tower. This would enable emergency communications in the western part of Harvey County and improve communications in Reno County also. Reno County was very positive about the proposal.
3. The Department Head meeting with EMPAC, originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 26th, was cancelled due to a power outage at the Courthouse. The meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, March 10, 2014.
4. John reported that the "Spring into Action" project to send boxes to service members was very successful. Dawn Warrington, who initiated the project, reported that 114 boxes were packed to be sent. All monies needed to pay for postage on the boxes were donated.

5. John reported that discussion has been held with Scott Eckert, Horticultural Extension Agent, about transferring ownership of one of the vans currently owned by Harvey County to the Extension Council. Scott has talked with the Board of the Extension Council who is in favor of receiving the vehicle. The van is a Chevy with 80,000+ miles on it. Since the Extension Council has not budgeted for fuel and service on a vehicle, they will be allowed to fuel at the Road & Bridge Department for the remainder of the year. After January 1, 2015 the Extension Department will receive monthly fuel charges.
6. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2014-8**, authorizing the sale of a 1960 Yale forklift and a 2003 15' Warren Dump Bed that are no longer being used at the Road & Bridge Department. The equipment will be sold on the Purple Wave Auction site. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Roy Patton, Director of the Harvey County Solid Waste Department, and Anthony travelled to North Carolina last week to look at a used grinder for use at the Transfer Station. Roy reported on their findings. The machine, which has a Caterpillar Engine, seemed to be in very good condition. A history of service and newly installed parts and repairs in the amount of \$59,000 were provided for Roy and Anthony to review. However, during a demonstration of the operation of the machine, it broke down and new parts had to be installed before the demonstration could continue. It was determined that the breakdown was caused by the failure to use the auguring system during operation. After the repair was completed, during the continuation of the demonstration, the engine had to be shut down again after it started smoking heavily. Roy has talked to a Caterpillar technician and he explained what caused the engine to smoke and assured him that the engine did not suffer any damage. The price for the grinder, which is listed through a broker, is \$139,000, with no warranty. The broker is requesting that the County make an offer. The Commissioners directed Roy to offer \$5,000 less than the asking price, if he feels that it would be a workable machine. He will research the engine difficulties further and report back to the Commission.
8. Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, requested that the Health Department be allowed to purchase an SUV as a second vehicle for the Department. The vehicle will need to have the ability to tow a trailer recently purchased for the Department. The vehicle will be purchased with accumulated grant funds, so there was not a request in the CIP. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the Health Department to proceed with the purchase of an SUV. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
9. Sheriff T. Walton reported that, following postings on road conditions on the Sheriff's Facebook page, there were thousands of hits during the storm that hit over the weekend. He also reported that there was an incident on Saturday night where three people were injured during a stabbing. The suspect later turned himself in at the Detention Center. There will be an ERT training exercise held on Wednesday, March 5th in Marion County. The training will cover a variety of disciplines concerning explosive breaching protocol.
10. Byron Warta reported on the progress of the hangar being constructed at the Newton City/County Airport.

11. Kim Rowley, Director of Parks reported that she is meeting directly with companies that are planning to bid on the mowing for the parks. Rather than sending bid packets, she is explaining what the job will entail with each bidder.
12. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that crews were called in at 1:00 p.m. yesterday afternoon and they worked clearing and treating roads until 8:00 p.m.
13. Anthony reported the February sales tax numbers for the month of December. The year to date change from 2013 to 2014 is 3.27%. He also informed the Commission that if the legislature passes the bill to repeal mortgage registration fees, the county can only make up 22% of what it currently receives by increasing the per page amount charged by the register of deeds as suggested in the bill.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$200,779.14 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Brian Kidney, Client Representative for Springsted Inc., presented a framed announcement of Harvey County's bond rating of AA-, up from an A rating. He congratulated the County on this achievement which was enabled through significantly improved financial management practices. The County will realize a savings of approximately \$48,000 in interest costs on the airport hangar project because of the improved bond rating.

Anthony presented **Resolution No. 2014-9**, providing for the adoption of an omnibus continuing disclosure undertaking relating to obligations issued and to be issued by Harvey County. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Anthony explained that he has been advised to have a professional firm draw up the disclosure statements.

Roy Patton reported on a further conversation with a Caterpillar Technician. The technician assured Roy the grinder engine was not in any way damaged when it had to be shut down. The Commissioners agreed to give Roy the authority to enter negotiations for the purchase of the used grinder, suggesting that he offer the broker \$5,000 less than the asking price.

Jim Meier and Jason Dickman, Engineer for Poe and Associates, opened bids for the reconstruction of the Burmac Bridge. Jason explained that there were three bid addendums that were added during the bid process. Addendum #1 specifies that there are no DBE requirements and added values to set price items; Addendum #2 changes the start date from no later than April 28 to no later than June 2, 2014; Addendum #3 corrects Bid Item #24 to read Concrete (Grade 4.0) (AE) (SW) and Bid Item #26 to read Reinforcing Steel (Grade 60) (Epoxy Coated). The bids received are as follows:

Bridges Inc	\$ 978,888.00
Dondlinger Construction	934,982.01
King Construction	1,010,895.50

All bids included the required bond. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the bids as presented and award the bid to Dondlinger Construction pending staff verification that all bid

specifications have been met. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Representatives from Bridges Inc. and Dondlinger Construction attended the meeting for the bid openings.

Jim Meier requested that he be allowed to purchase a used forklift from Whitewing Construction Company who is going out of business. The asking price for the forklift is \$9,500, which is about half of the cost of a new one. Commissioner Hague made a motion to waive the purchasing policy and give Jim the authority to purchase the forklift for \$9,500. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Lonnie Buller reviewed bylaw changes for the Harvey County Local Emergency Planning Commission. There was a discrepancy on one of the changes, so he will research the issue and come back before the Commission at a later date.

Don Schroeder, 74th District Representative, gave the Commission an update on what is happening in the legislature at the current time. He is a member of three legislative committees, the Utilities and Telecom Committee, the Agriculture Budget Committee, and the regular Agriculture Committee. Some of the issues he discussed are the repeal of the mortgage registration fee, changing the city/school elections from April to November, the expansion of Medicaid, water issues, corporate farming, reducing the time limit for appeals on death penalty cases, school funding, KDOT funds being transferred to the general fund, the Dip Law, and the restoration of the Oil and Gas valuation depletion fund.

Jim Meier reported that he verified that the low bid from Dondlinger Construction for the Burmac bridge meets all bid specifications.

John informed the Commission that he and Anthony had a meeting with representatives of 360 Energy Engineers. They reported that the results of the test well drilled on the front lawn of the Courthouse were favorable to accommodate a hybrid ground source heat pump system to update the HVAC systems. Anthony reported that preceding the start of the project an asbestos inspection report needs to be obtained. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to contract with ISI Industrial Services in Wichita to perform an asbestos inspection for an agreed upon amount of \$2,320. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

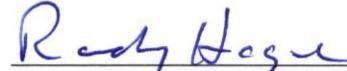
Anthony presented an updated profit and loss statement for the Fairgrounds property.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

