

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 17, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 17, 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 congratulated both the girls and boys basketball teams from Hesston for winning the 3A state basketball championships.
2. Commissioner Westfall gave a brief update on the activity in the State Legislature. He reported that someone has introduced the reinstatement of LAVTR in the amount of \$54,000,000. There is also talk that it will take \$129,000,000 to fix the school funding issue for this year. The repeal of the mortgage fee, which the county opposes, continues to move.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The KCCA Conference will be held on May 6, 7, and 8.
2. The REAP annual water conference meeting will be held in Newton at the Meridian Center on May 29th. The first draft of the 50-year water plan will be presented there.
3. Commissioner Hague will attend the LEPC meeting on April 9 in place of Commissioner Krehbiel who is unable to attend.

Minutes of the March 10, 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 Steve Mills, husband of Deputy Appraiser, Glenda Mills passed away last night following a short illness.
2. John talked to the Comptroller of Lyon County and he stated that the Commissioners would likely be very interested in meeting with Harvey County to discuss the proposal from the Highway 50 Association to improve the highway to a four-lane from Emporia to Newton. John will send a letter to the Chairmen of the Board of Commissioners of Lyon, Chase, and Marion Counties suggesting that the four counties meet for dinner during the KCCA Conference to discuss the proposal.
3. KAC County Government Day will be held tomorrow in Topeka. Lobbyist presentations will begin at 2:30 p.m., legislative presentations will begin at 4:00 p.m., and a reception with legislators will begin at 5:00 p.m. The Commissioners will leave Newton at 1:30 p.m.
4. Bids for contract mowing services for the Parks will be opened at East Park at 4:00 p.m. today. Staff will then examine each of the bids and then present a recommendation to the Commission.
5. John gave an update on the purchase of a used grinder from a Company in North Carolina. The county made an offer of \$139,500 with the request that delivery costs be included. The company accepted the bid with the stipulation that delivery method

- be towing, rather than loading the machine onto a truck. Before shipping, Harvey County will verify that the machine is lien-free and then wire the money. Robert Abney, of Foley Caterpillar, will contact a Foley rep in North Carolina who will verify that the grinder is hooked up properly for transportation. Once the machine arrives at the Transfer Station, it will be tested to make sure it functions properly.
5. Kim Rowley, Director of Parks presented recommendations from the Parks Advisory Board for the appointments of Carolyn Schwab and Libby Albers to the board. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to wait the allowed week before making the appointments. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 6. The Commissioners received a letter from Janet Cagle, Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections Director, requesting that the Commissioners re-appoint Barbara Bunting to the HMCCC Board of Directors. Commissioner Hague made a motion to waive the one week waiting period and approve the re-appointment of Barbara Bunting. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 7. John presented a recommendation from Steve Bayless, Halstead Township Trustee and Walter Clark, Halstead Township Treasurer, to appoint Tom Straight as Clerk of Halstead Township. If appointed, Mr. Straight would fulfill the remaining term of Wilbert (Bud) Penner who passed away last month. Commissioner Hague made a motion to appoint Tom Straight to the position of Halstead Township Clerk, with the term expiring on January 12, 2015. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 8. Bob Cheney, Director of Noxious Weeds, presented an invitation to bidders for the 2014 purchase of herbicides for Noxious Weed Control. Commissioner Hague made a motion to correct the invitation and give Bob the authority to send it to potential bidders. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 9. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the budget kick-off meeting with department heads will be Wednesday morning at 8:10 a.m. With the exception of one department, all CIP requests were turned in last Friday.
 10. Byron Warta encouraged the Commissioners to read an article published in the Wichita Eagle about how Wichita Falls, TX is dealing with a severe drought by investing in a water reuse system. He also reported that the floor for the airport hangar is scheduled to be poured this week. Although the Conco dirt crew is behind schedule, it is anticipated that the apron will be poured within the allotted time schedule.
 11. Sheriff T. Walton has scheduled two leadership skill classes in April. The classes are available from EMPAC.
 12. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that 2 staff members left for Wisconsin this morning to pick up a used skid steer loader purchased by the Road and Bridge Department. Jim presented a proposal to apply an Ultrathin Bonded Asphalt Surface on 10.46 miles of NE 60th Street from K-15 east to N. Osage Street on the Marion County line. A second proposal is a Hot In-Place Recycle and Mastic Surface Treatment on 12.88 miles of road in the county. There are two bridges that will require milling before the HIPR and Mastic Surface Treatment process can be

applied. The anticipated letting date will be April 21. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve both proposals and to give Jim the authority to advertise for bidders. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The replacement of the Burmac Bridge will begin on June 2.

13. Commissioner Westfall announced that the Republican Party will be hosting a meeting tonight to introduce Milton Wolf who is a candidate for the US Senate, and David Powell, a candidate for Kansas Insurance Commissioner. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Community Room.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen’s Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$106,984.69 and one hand-written check in the amount of \$33,500 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Kim Rowley presented **Resolution No. 2014-10**, setting fees in the Harvey County Parks as of March 17, 2014. Proposed changes in the fees are as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Season passes:		
Gas powered boating	\$70.00	\$40.00
Daily Permits:		
Electrical Site	20.00	17.00
Primitive Site	10.00	9.00
Gas Powered boating	10.00	7.00
Personal Water Craft	10.00	
Horse Pass	5.00	4.00
Buildings & Shelters:		
Camp Hawk Building	125.00	100.00
East Park Volunteer Hall	125.00	100.00
West Park-Enclosed Building #2	35.00	50.00
Open Shelters (Cost to Reserve only)	25.00	35.00
Storage:		
Late fee for payments made after 1 st of Month, Per Day	1.00	0

Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2014-10**, with the changes as presented. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed the financial request from the City of Halstead, but no action was taken. General discussion was also held regarding funding for the EDC, budget priorities for the County, and new surfacing procedures for roads.

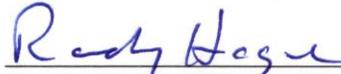
At 10:50 a.m. the Commissioners recessed to attend the Quad County Meeting in Hutchinson.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

