

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

**May 5, 2014**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 5, 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 the Commissioners attended the annual RSVP banquet last week. In the past year RSVP volunteers have worked 57,764 hours which converts to \$1,065,760 at minimum wage.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The joint City/County meeting will be held at the City Offices on Friday, May 9 at 3:00 p.m. rather than Thursday, May 8.
2. The Chamber of Commerce cookout will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9 at the National Guard Armory.
3. The Council of Governments is scheduled to meet on May 14; however there is also a COG meeting scheduled at the Sedgwick Senior Center on May 22 where Keith Lawing and Jeremy Hill are scheduled to speak to the COG, elected officials, and leaders of municipalities about intergovernmental collaborations and the regional economy. The May 14 meeting may be cancelled.

Minutes of the April 28, 2014 Commission meeting and April 30 Work Session were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. The Commissioners received copies of a Little Ark WRAPS update. This update on water issues was forwarded by Ron Graber.
2. John Waltner requested an executive session be held at the end of the meeting.
3. The Commissioners will conduct two interviews this afternoon for the position of Director of the Communications Department. Two more interviews will be conducted tomorrow at 2:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. and then the Commissioners will travel to Manhattan for the KCCA Conference. They will return on Thursday afternoon.
4. Commissioner Westfall will not be available on Friday for the joint City/County meeting.
5. The Commissioners received a copy of a letter from FEMA regarding the participation of Harvey County in the National Flood Insurance Program. A Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Map have been developed for Harvey County and will take effect on August 4, 2014. A formal resolution will be presented for the adoption of these before the August date.

6. The Kansas Health Foundation has notified the Health Department that they have been approved to receive a two-year Healthy Living Grant in the amount of \$58,000. The money will be used to promote healthy concessions at schools.
7. The Commissioners received a copy of the construction timeline and notes from the pre-construction meeting with Dondlinger Construction for the replacement of the Burmac Road Bridge over the Little Arkansas River. Construction is scheduled to begin on June 2 and is expected to be completed in November. This will cause some traffic disruption and will be closed during harvest. A detour will not be posted.
8. A proclamation for National Police Week was presented to the Commissioners. National Police Week is May 11 - 17, 2014. Several activities are scheduled including a program and a luncheon for law enforcement. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the proclamation as presented for National Police Week. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
9. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to re-appoint Patti Carter as a parent/guardian representative on the Harvey-Marion County CDDO Board for a term commencing on March 1, 2014, and ending on June 30, 2016. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
10. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented information on a bridge on NW 96<sup>th</sup> Street between Prairie Lake and Sand Hill Roads. Following a biennial inspection of the bridge by MKEC Engineering, the substructure rating of the bridge has been downgraded to a 2 rating. If a bridge is rated less than 3, it must be closed to traffic. Pictures of the pilings and substructure of the bridge, which was originally constructed in 1960, were provided to the Commissioners. Jim notified the Township that the bridge will be closed and discussion was held about the possibility of the road being a school bus route. The engineer will notify Jim of possible solutions, if any, to repair the bridge. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to close Bridge No. R-4.5 on NW 96<sup>th</sup> Street citing the unsafe structure rating by MKEC, and instruct the Road and Bridge Department to accept plans for repair of the bridge, if possible, from MKEC Engineering. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Jim also reported that patching on E First Street, NW 12<sup>th</sup>, and West Dutch is scheduled to begin this week. The areas will be closed one mile at a time.
11. John reminded the Commissioners that they will begin hearing budget presentations next week and will continue to hear presentations for the following several meetings.
12. Sheriff T. Walton reported that Matt Stovall graduated from KLETC and he starts today as a road deputy. He reported that the Car Show held in Newton last Saturday was very successful, with 234 cars participating. A trophy from the Sheriff's Department was awarded to one of the vehicles.
13. Byron Warta reported that some of the concrete was poured on hangar apron last weekend. He will attend a Water Conference in Garden City on May 20 and 21.
14. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that budget hearings are being scheduled beginning on May 27 and continuing June 23. He also reported on the legislative elimination of the Mortgage Registration fee over the next five years. Records fees will be increased to help offset this loss, and state projections indicate that Harvey County will break even in 2015. However, these projections are not based on an

average year, and with a capped amount placed on some mortgages under \$75,000, and the use of electronic filing, it is very difficult to project the county's revenue accurately.

15. Counselor Greg Nye will present the English contract, regarding a strip of land by the airport runway, next Monday.
16. Joyce Truskett, County Clerk, will attend the Kansas County Clerk and Elected Officials Association Conference in Wichita on May 7, 8, and 9.
17. John recognized Courtney Becker, current Director of 911 Communications, who will be leaving the County to pursue other interests. Chairman Krehbiel presented Courtney with a plaque and thanked him for his 16 years of service. Courtney expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve with the county and stated that it has been an amazing experience. John stated that Courtney has been an outstanding department head who embraced a program to improve the core values and competencies of the organization.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

Jason Mitchell invited the Commissioners to hear former Senator, Bob Dole, who is scheduled to speak on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Kansas Sports Museum at 7:00 p.m. He also commended the Commissioners for wise spending and said to keep up the good work. John Stretcher also spoke and asked the Commissioners to support and revive the free-cycle program that was held at the Transfer Station once a month. The program ceased about nine months ago. He provided some pictures of items that he was able to obtain through the program. He thanked the Commissioners for their service to the County.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$432,078.10 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Joyce Truskett, and Kim Rowley. Executive session ended at 10:55 a.m. with no action being taken.

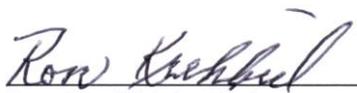
The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

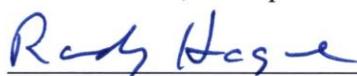
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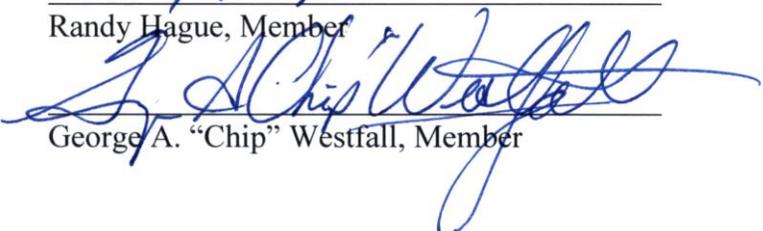


ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

  
Randy Hague, Member

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member