

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

**November 10, 2014**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 3, 2014 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. following the canvass of the November 4, 2014 General Election.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall went to the Road and Bridge Department early this morning to talk to staff that were assaulted last week by an angry individual who displayed a weapon in response to being asked to slow down in a construction zone. Law Enforcement was called to the scene and reportedly responded very quickly.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he attended the Little Arkansas Watershed meeting last week and was informed that McPherson City has some water rights in Harvey County that he was not aware of. He asked John Waltner to check on this and verify where they are.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The annual Harvey County Extension Council meeting and dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Heights Methodist Church.
2. A meeting of the Eagle Drainage District will be held on November 24 at 7:00 at the City Hall in Bentley.
3. The Commissioners will leave at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 12 to attend the KAC meeting in Wichita.
4. There will be a Council of Governments meeting held on Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 a.m. at the Breadbasket. Legislative issues will be the primary topic of discussion.

Minutes of the November 3, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner reported that the final report on a study done by NACO is now available. Harvey County was one of 13 counties included in the study that participate in economic development. Collaborative efforts between the City of Newton, the Harvey County EDC, and the County are highlighted in the study.
2. Harvey County will be the host for the December 15 Quad County meeting. A room has been reserved at the airport where ABI will give a presentation on their new project there.
3. There will be a joint City of Newton – Harvey County Commission meeting held on December 16 at either 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. at Newton City Hall. Representatives from the REAP organization will speak about the importance of thinking regionally and supporting regional initiatives.
4. A policy summit will be held at Botanica in Wichita on December 5 at 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

5. The Commissioners received a letter from Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, regarding an incident that occurred in a construction zone on Halstead Road. A motorist became enraged when he was asked to slow down in the construction zone and brandished a weapon. Jim asked that the Commissioners be aware of the difficulties the Road and Bridge crews sometimes face as they work to maintain the county road system. They then receive criticism that the roads are not maintained properly. John suggested that county policy be reviewed, and that roads that are being repaired be closed to better protect the county workers.
6. Rich Hanley, Director of the Department on Aging, and Karen Kaufman, Transportation Coordinator, presented a grant application for the Public Transportation Assistance Project through the Kansas Department of Transportation. Rich reviewed the application including a listing of departmental vehicles and how they are used in and around Harvey County. Transportation is provided for medical services, work, shopping, recreation, and education. The grant request is for \$30,073.98 with a local match of \$7,518.50. The funds will be used to replace a 2006 Chevy Van with mileage of 123,279. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the application and sign a letter of support for the KDOT Grant Application. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution 2014-24**, stating that certain equipment, the 2006 Chevy Van, is no longer required for use by the county and is authorized to be sold. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Anthony reviewed Change Order Request #01 for the Harvey County mechanical renovations project. The change order includes the following:
  - Replacement of 7 exhaust fans on the roof of the Detention Center
  - Change to a darker color for the replacement windows in the Courthouse.
  - Addition of a new handicap door operator and remote buttons on the new west entrance doors to the courthouse.
  - Change to a higher spandrel height on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows in the Courthouse.
  - Add replacement glass for the Attorney's Office windows on the south side of the courthouse near the south entrance. The glass will then match the other new windows in the courthouse.
  - Deduct the replacement of a door to the County Attorney's Office.
  - Add the replacement of one domestic water heater in the Detention Center. This includes demolition, removal, and disposal of the existing hot water heater.Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$103,803.00. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that a full-time maintenance person has been hired for the Department and he will begin work on November 17. He also reported that everything has been winterized at the Parks in anticipation of the winter weather scheduled to move in. The South Central Parks Association will hold a meeting at Sedgwick County Park on Wednesday.

9. Byron Warta reported that crews are working on the hangar door on the ABI building today. There will be a meeting in Manhattan on Wednesday and Thursday on the Governor's 50-year Water Plan.
10. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he attended the State Sheriff's meeting last week. He also reported that there were over 700 motorcycles that participated in the annual toy run.
11. Jim Meier reported that the contractor is laying asphalt on the Burmac Bridge today and tomorrow. The deck has been repaired on the 36<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, and another bridge deck is being repaired on Mission Road.
12. Anthony reported that the well drilling on the front lawn of the courthouse is now complete. The electricity in the courthouse will be shut down for possibly four hours tomorrow. Although the courthouse will be closed in honor of Veteran's Day, generators will be connected to run necessary equipment for the Law Enforcement Center.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

Steve Brackeen informed the Commissioners that East Lake Road south of First Street and SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street has deteriorated to the point that it is almost impassable. Crews go out and grade the road, it rains, and then it deteriorates again. Cars get stuck on the road after a rain. This is a main thoroughfare from Highway 196 to Highway 50 and at times the road seems like no more than a wagon trail. He knows it's probably not possible to pave the roads, but he asked if there is a long range plan for the two roads. He stated that there is not one paved road going north and south in the eastern part of the county, so this road needs to be maintained better. Jim Meier stated that his department does maintain the road, but it needs to be reconstructed and a new grade needs to be placed on the road. He said that when weather permits, the road will be rebuilt, with a crown and proper compaction.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$135,814.64 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber presented **Resolution 2014-25**, authorizing certain courthouse improvements and amending and supplementing bond **Resolution No. 2012-16**, adding courthouse improvements to the improvements described therein and authorizing the use of bonds issued thereunder to finance such additional improvements. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution 2014-25**. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Lonnie Buller explained to the Commissioners that an exercise was held on October 9, 2014 to test the County readiness in the event of a major ice storm. Gary Denny, Special Project Coordinator, presented and reviewed the After-Action Report/Improvement Plan of the project, called FROZEN. He stated that it is the responsibility of the county to make sure that proper preparation and processes are in place in case of such an event. The three objectives of the exercise were to test the operation of the Emergency Operation Center, establish the appropriate command structure, and establish appropriate communications.

Matt Schmidt, Director of Health Ministries, presented a letter of support for Health Ministries Clinic, Inc. to accompany an application for a Service Area Competition grant for funding for a Federally

Qualified Health Center. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also presented to the Commission was a one-time funding request in the amount of \$15,000 to help defray unanticipated expenses during the remodeling and moving process of Health Ministries to the Pine Street building. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the request of \$15,000 to be paid out of the Economic Development Reserve. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

John presented a lease agreement by and between Prairie View, Inc and Harvey County Health Department for the lease of space at the Pine Street Health Services building located at 215 South Pine. It was determined that not all final details were included in the contract so no action was taken on it at this time. It is anticipated that the move for the Health Department will take place in January and the lease period will begin on February 1, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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*Ron Krehbiel*

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

*Randy Hague*

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Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

*Joyce Truskett*

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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

*George A. "Chip" Westfall*

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

