

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 13, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 13, 2014 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that he received a complaint from a citizen whose truck fell through the bridge on SE 84th Street near Rock Rd. The incident happened earlier this year and he received a bill from the Road & Bridge Department for the repair of the bridge. He contends that the truck was not overweight and that the bridge was in bad repair causing the truck to fall through.
2. Commissioner Westfall received several complaints on Saturday morning from residents in the Southeast part of the County because of the poor road conditions on SE 36th and East Lake Road. The recent rain caused multiple issues on the roads. Although the Road & Bridge Department was called out to blade those roads, the roads need material added to them to further stabilize them.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners will attend a Farm Bureau meeting on October 21 at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston. The meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend a meeting of the Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections Board on November 3 at 5:30 p.m. in Moundridge.
3. The Employee picnic will be held at Volunteer Hall at East Lake on October 19, beginning at 3:00 p.m.
4. The Safe House Holiday Gala will be held on Friday, November 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Meridian Center. All three Commissioners and spouses will attend.

Minutes of the October 6, 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 Harvey County will enter into an agreement with AGCO to use one of their tractors to perform roadside mowing in the county. The tractor will be similar to the one we used in the past year, but it will have a larger fuel capacity. The county will be responsible for all maintenance on the tractor. Commissioner Krehbiel suggested that it might be beneficial to look at contracting the mowing through a bid process.
2. John reminded the Commissioners that the Prosperity Plan that has been developed through the REAP Organization will be rolled out on October 28 at 4:30 p.m. at Exploration Place in Wichita. The Prosperity Plan was developed to identify strategies for Southeast Kansas to remain competitive.
3. John reported that he and Anthony Swartzendruber have been in discussion with the Road and Bridge Department about the road issues on South Halstead Road. Jim

Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, has suggested that the most significant cracks in the road be prioritized and repaired, hopefully before the winter season. However, this means that some of the smaller cracks will not be repaired until after the winter season has passed. The method they are using to repair the road is tedious and time consuming, but very effective. The priority is to repair the road correctly in the timeliest manner possible.

4. Because of the possibility of an Ebola outbreak in the U.S., the Commissioners received copies of forms and protocol, including isolation and quarantine orders, from the Health Department. The Health Department is doing everything they can to prepare in advance for this possibility.
5. The Commissioners received copies of a questionnaire, submitted to KCAMP on an annual basis, listing all County property and equipment for insurance purposes. Anthony informed the Commissioners that David Luke, Director of KCAMP, will speak with the Commissioners in the next two weeks about a program that will be financially advantageous to the County.
6. Anthony reported that, following the employee insurance meetings today, the Health Department will be administering flu shots in the Commission Room and the Group Benefits Specialists will meet with employees in the War Room. Anthony also updated the Commissioners on the construction progress. He reported that core drillers will be drilling through walls and floors around the courthouse, beginning today at 12:00 p.m.
7. Byron Warta reported that the construction of the ABI building at the airport is nearly complete. The sign for the building was installed last week. He also reported that the U.S. drought report indicates that this area continues to be in a slight drought.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$352,945.45 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned 8:30 a.m.

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ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member