

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

**October 27, 2014**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 27, 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 and Suzanne Loomis, Newton City Engineer, will meet this afternoon with Benny Trabari, KDOT Engineer. They will tour the Kansas Logistics Park.
2. Commissioner Westfall attended the disaster drill last Wednesday. He stated that it was very informative as to how each agency has to coordinate with each other if an event were to occur.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. A 4-H banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on November 15 at Newton Bible Church.
2. Habitat for Humanity will host a dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel College Church on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.
3. Commissioner Westfall will have a lunch meeting tomorrow in Wichita with David Atkins, who is the guest speaker at the leadership forum tomorrow evening. They will be taking a 2 ½ hour flying tour of the REAP region so he can get an idea of the major businesses and events that occur in the south central Kansas region in addition to the transportation routes, etc.
4. On November 3, the Commissioners will tour the newly renovated building on South Pine Street that will eventually house the Harvey County Health Department, Health Ministries, and Prairie View. The tour will take place immediately following the Commission meeting. The Ribbon Cutting for the Pine Street building will be held on November 20.

Minutes of the October 20, 2014 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner reminded the Commissioners that there will be a joint Harvey County/City of Newton Commission meeting on November 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Meridian Center. The EDC and the KLPDA will be there to discuss the SWAT analysis.
2. The Chairman of the Board received a letter from FEMA to notify the board that a flood map amendment has been made for a property in an area north of Sedgwick. The owner had a survey done for the property and the elevations were such that the property has been removed from the flood plain.
3. EMPAC will hold a training session for Department Heads and Supervisors about accountability in the Law Enforcement Center Training Room on Thursday, October 30 at 12:00 p.m.

4. The Commissioners received a letter from John Reed indicating that he is resigning his position on the Planning Commission. The remaining Commission members will make a recommendation for a replacement member for the Board and then it will be presented to the Board of Commissioners who will make the final appointment.
5. Letter from Joyce Truskett, County Clerk, who will resign her position as of December 19, 2014. The Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen will meet to choose a replacement and then that candidate will be appointed by the Governor.
6. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that the Burmac bridge is scheduled to be opened on November 17, but it may be a few days past that date. Sedgwick County will be replacing another bridge on Burmac Road on the Sedgwick County side. Although Harvey County will not be placing any signage, Sedgwick County plans to put up "bridge out" signs at Highway 50.
7. Byron Warta reported that the enlarged parking lot west of Hangar W is being poured today at the airport. The Kansas Drought Report continues to list Harvey County as being in slight drought.
8. Sheriff T Walton reported that they had a very active week last week. The Department was involved in a joint operation with Homeland Security and the Wichita Police Department to apprehend some individuals for child pornography. They also plan to be involved in some future joint operations. He also reported that he has some staff members that will be traveling to Arkansas to attend training to become PRIA certified. The Detention Center must be in PRIA compliance by January 1, 2015.
9. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that the Parks Department will participate in the Safe Walk in downtown Newton on Halloween. He is in the process of trying to fill some openings in the Department. Although they have advertised for a full-time maintenance person, they have not yet advertised for an operations supervisor. One staff member is not able to work right now because of medical reasons and another staff member is on 2 weeks vacation. Kass also reported that the rental house at West Park is now vacated.
10. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reviewed information from "Kids Count," which is an annual report of Kansas children and how they compare on a county-by-county basis. Kansas kids are compared by health, education, and economic indicators. The Harvey County immunization rate for children who are fully immunized by age 2 is 60%, which is a drop from 69%. This trend downward is also a problem statewide. Another alarming statistic is that 50.63% of children in Harvey County are on free and reduced lunch programs and 50.03% of children statewide are on free and reduced lunches. Lynnette also reported that 72 flu vaccinations were given to county employees and employee family members on Columbus Day. Although some of the schools are still waiting for vaccination day because of some shortage of vaccine, the Health Department has held vaccination clinics at all Senior Centers and some businesses. They are hoping to give 9,000 vaccines this year.
11. Anthony Swartzendruber gave a report on the work being done in accordance with the energy upgrade of the courthouse. The mechanical room is undergoing some major changes; the chiller has been turned off, and power will be cut off in the building either on a weekend or on Veteran's day to reconnect some of the equipment. At that time a generator will supply power for data processing for law enforcement and the Communications Center. Plumbing changes will begin today. There are some change

orders that will be occurring, including a change in the color of the window glass, a new handicap door opener on the West door, and a change in the spandrel height on the glass. Another change in the project is at the Detention Center where one a hot water tank and seven exhaust fans on the roof will have to be replaced. P1, one of the contractors, has been asked to provide an estimate on replacing the fire alarm system in the building. It is also suggested that all phone lines in the building be replaced in addition to installing a fiber optic connection between the new location of the Health Department and the courthouse. He also reported that there are about 16 wells left to drill in the front of the courthouse.

12. Joyce Truskett, County Clerk/Election Officer, said that there continues to be an issue for communication on Election Day with one poll site located at Volunteer Hall at East Lake. Sheriff T. Walton volunteered to provide 2 800Mhz radios that will provide a method of communication.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items discussed during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$86,284.51 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

John stated that, in the future, when townships ask the county for assistance with drainage or bridge problems, there will be clarification on who will pay when outside contractors, such as an engineering firm, have to assist with the project.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve an agreement between Harvey County and the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool, KCAMP, which a group self-insured property/casualty plan, to participate in the Rate Stabilization Program. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Bob Myers, Newton City Attorney, presented a resolution for a base lease between the City of Newton and Harvey County for the ABI building at the Airport. The County will lease to the City and then the City will lease the property to the Harvey County EDC who will then sub-lease to ABI for a period of 25 years. The City needs to have control of the property for the purpose of the bonds. The county has no liability in the process. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2014-23**, determining the advisability of entering into a base lease with the City of Newton for property located at the Newton City-County Airport; and authorizing execution of related documents. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss attorney/client privilege concerning pending litigation and personnel issues. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Sheriff T. Walton, Joyce Truskett, and Counselor Greg Nye. Sheriff T. Walton left the session at 10:48 a.m. Executive session ended at 11:10 a.m. with no action being taken.

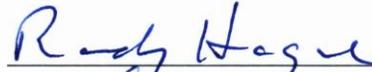
John reported that he met with Suzanne Loomis, Newton City Engineer, Randy Riggs, City Manager, and Chief Jim Daily regarding the expansion of the Law Enforcement Center. They have outlined all the options available for the expansion and have eliminated some options that did not prove to be feasible.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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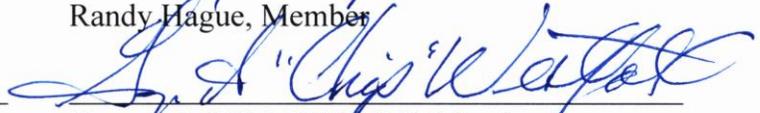
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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson



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Randy Hague, Member

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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

