

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 2, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 2, 2014 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Byron Warta reported that he toured the airport this morning and that the hangar W project status is in flux. He also presented the Harvey County Economic Development prospect report and reported the status of existing prospects. He also reported that there are eleven new prospects on the report including one that would require rail access and another that would need a 28,000 to 30,000 square foot building and would bring about 25 jobs.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel stated that he attended the Lake Township board meeting and that the property owners of the land on both sides of the Prairie Lake Road culvert also attended and discussed the problems.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel asked about the tractor that caught on fire that was noted in the Road & Bridge weekly report. John Waltner confirmed that the tractor used for mowing did catch on fire due to a hydraulic leak and that there have been a number of issues related to that tractor previously. He stated that Jim is working on an agreement with AGCO to provide a test tractor again.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that the Professional Business Women will hold a candidate forum at 7:00 p.m. on October 23 at the USD 373 McKinley Administration Center.

Minutes of the August 25, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes of the August 26, 2014 Joint City/County meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John reminded the Commissioners that the Chamber dinner is on September 25th and asked how many reservations should be made. All three commissioners requested two reservations each.
2. John presented the traffic control plan from Sedgwick County for the bridge closing on Burmac Road/279th St. W in Sedgwick County. The bridge will be closed for replacement and a detour is designated which currently does not affect Harvey County maintained roads.
3. John reported for that the Road and Bridge department sold the 1996 Caterpillar 315 excavator on Purple Wave for \$35,000. He also stated that Jim Meier asked Foley

- equipment what the trade-in value would have been and he was told about \$20,000 to \$25,000. The excavator attachments were also sold, bringing the total to \$43,125.
4. John and Commissioner Krehbiel attended a meeting to discuss metal thefts at the Sedgwick County Extension Office on August. He stated that the meeting was well attended by a diverse group of interested parties including government officials, law enforcement and business owners. He stated that Marc Bennett is working on a bill to submit to the legislature, including a possible statewide database like the one used for pawnshops.
 5. John reported that there have been thefts of batteries and cords from five RV's parked in the West Park storage area. Kass Miller said that parks staff set up a camera in the area for surveillance.
 6. John shared an email from Lunda Asmani regarding the ABI public private partnership that was the topic of discussion at the regional public finance group meeting that Newton & Harvey County hosted last week. When asked "Why Newton?", ABI President James Haverstrong replied that the GWEDC and Wichita Chamber pay little attention to small and mid-size industries, but was very complimentary of the team from Newton and Harvey County. He announced that his company is already working on a market study for their next facility which would also be located in Newton.
 7. John informed the commission that a proclamation for suicide prevention week will be presented at next week's meeting. He also stated that Jason Reynolds will conduct Suicide Prevention & Intervention Training at the Library from 9:30 a.m. to Noon on Monday Sept. 8.
 8. John delivered a request from Roy Patton, Solid Waste Director, to trade an unused storage container for some ditch work done to the landfill road. John stated that Roy had some work done to the ditch along the road on the east side of the landfill by Gerrel Shirk with his specially configured Bobcat. The cost of the work done is approximately \$500, but Gerrel would like to trade the work for a shipping container that is on the landfill property. The container floor is rotted out and has been unused since a failed composting test years ago, it's only value would be less than \$500 as scrap metal. Gerrel would move the container to his land just west of the landfill. The Commissioners agreed that it would be OK to trade the container for the work done.
 9. Kass Miller reported that the county parks had a good Labor Day weekend and they are working on cleanup from last night's storms.
 10. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the Sheriff's Department and Emergency Response Team participated in another stand-off last week.
 11. Anthony reported that sales tax revenues are up 8.29% from last year for the month and 5.94% year to date. He also stated that the asbestos abatement process in the Courthouse continues and is progressing well.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizens Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$309,833.39 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$11,775.49 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

John stated that he had planned for the commissioners to visit the Burmac bridge project to view the I-beams being set, but high water has delayed the process. They decided to go visit the Hangar W construction project at the airport instead then return to the courthouse to conduct interviews for the Parks Director position.

The Commission recessed at 10:20 a.m. to visit the airport and conduct interviews.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

