

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 15, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 15, 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 there is a type of pre-seal coating that will be applied to the floor of Hangar W to solve the floor problem. After a waiting period of several days the final seal coat specified in the contract can then be applied. Following an additional waiting period, the hangar will be ready for occupation.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel and his spouse attended the Health Foundation Learning Center fund raiser on Saturday evening. He reported that there was a turnout of approximately 250 people for the event.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel received a call from Sedgwick County Commissioner, Karl Peterjohn, regarding signage in Harvey County regarding the bridge closing on Burmac Road in Sedgwick County, just south of the Harvey County line. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, informed the Commissioners that Sedgwick County will be placing all signage in Harvey County for the bridge replacement project.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. A joint City/County meeting will be held on September 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the Law Enforcement Training Center to discuss the proposed addition to the Law Enforcement Center.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel informed the Commissioners that the Burrton Fall Festival will be held on September 27. The Commissioners will participate in the parade.
3. The Quad County meeting will be held at the Forensic Science Center in Wichita at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, September 22.
4. The Aviation meeting has also been moved to next Monday, September 22.
5. The grader magnet demonstration will be held at Camp Hawk on Thursday evening, September 18. Commissioner Westfall will not be able to attend.

Minutes of the September 8, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner reminded the Commissioners that reservations have been made for them and their spouses to attend the annual Newton Area Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held on September 25.
2. The Commissioners received information regarding the REAP Water Resources Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, October 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Meridian Center. Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office will speak on the Governor's Vision for the Future of Water in Kansas. Lunch will be provided.

3. The Commissioners received a copy of a news release announcing that Garden City will receive a TIGER Grant of \$12,469,963 for the Southwest Chief Improvement Project. The grant will be combined with other state, local, and private funds and will be used to restore several miles of the La Junta subdivision of the BNSF Railway. This will likely secure Amtrak service through Newton and could also increase service from Newton.
4. Lonnie Boller, Director of Emergency Management, invited the Commissioners to an exercise conducted by South Central Homeland Security to be held on October 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Harvey County Emergency Operations Center. The grant funded exercise will provide training for a foreign animal disease outbreak. State agencies involved with the exercise will be KDOT and the Kansas Highway Patrol. Several other local agencies will also be involved including several county representatives from the Commission, Administration, Sheriff's Office, Health Department, Appraiser's Office, Road and Bridge Department,; and City of Newton representatives from Engineering, Animal Control, Fire and EMS, and the Newton Police Department. Some local veterinarians will also attend.
5. Jim Meier reported that a grant request for the repair or replacement of a bridge structure on North Anderson has been submitted to KDOT. This was submitted through a program funded by KDOT, called the KOBI Program, to repair or replace smaller sized structures. The bridge, which is a fracture critical bridge, is located approximately 9/10 of a mile north of Dutch Avenue. They would like to replace it with a pre-cast box. The grant awards will be announced next month. The R&B Department was also notified by a KDOT inspection team that a bridge on SE 84th just east of South Kansas, also a fracture critical bridge, did not load rate sufficiently. It either has to be closed or approximately 8 to 20 inches of dead load material, gravel, dirt, etc. has to be removed from it. Since they do not want to close the bridge, they will remove the material. Jim also reported that crews started patching on NE 96th this morning, Hesston Road is being shouldered, and Bridges Inc. will begin repairing the bridge on SW 36th Street near West Park.
6. Byron reported that construction on Hangar W and ABI continues at the airport. He also reported encountering what appeared to be a well testing operation in the middle of the road on Oliver north of East 12th Street.
7. Sheriff T. Walton reported that officer shooting have dramatically increased across the United States this year. This past week there was an officer killed in Pennsylvania and another in Georgia. He also reported that this coming Saturday is a Drug Take-Back Day where folks can dispose of their unused or outdated drugs. He has also purchased one body camera with money from the drug forfeiture fund and he is in the process of writing a grant to buy additional cameras.
8. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, reported that the bonds for the Courthouse improvements were closed last Wednesday and it went very smoothly. He is in the process of updating our annual bond requirement compliance information and Administration staff is working on getting the Detention Center accounts in audit compliance. He also gave an update on the progress of the improvement project. In process are lighting improvements and boiler replacement in the Law Enforcement Center, ductwork in the Detention Center, well drilling in the front lawn, and demolition on the hard ceilings in the Courthouse, which will be completed this week.

Asbestos abatement will be completed in the next two weekends. Electrical contractors, sheet metal workers and plumbers will begin work in the Courthouse on September 22, beginning in the basement. There are also some repairs to be made on the hot water tank and roof fans at the Detention Center.

9. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that camping at West Park has shown a significant slow down. The Bait Shop there will close at the end of the month. East Park remains fairly busy. Kass will be attending an outdoor summit in Wichita this week.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizens Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$188,453.69 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

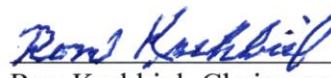
At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss pending litigation and attorney client privilege. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 10:25 a.m. with no action being taken.

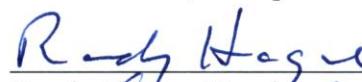
The Commission reached a unanimous consensus to proceed with eviction of the tenant at the West Park rental house.

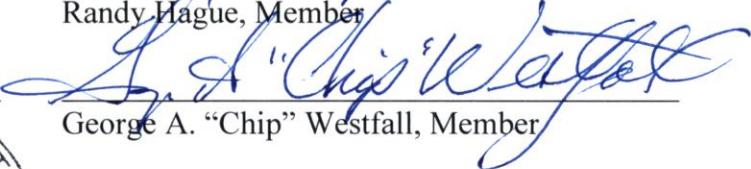
Discussion was held regarding the expansion of the Law Enforcement Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson


Randy Hague, Member


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

