

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 22, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 22, 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 he received an e-mail complaint about the condition of NW 36th between K-15 and Hesston Road.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioners Westfall and Hague will not be able to attend the Fall Festival parade in Burrton this coming Saturday.
2. The Operation Safe House Holiday Gala will be held on November 7.
3. The Foreign Animal Disease Training Exercise will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 22 at the Emergency Operations Center.
4. There will be a 911 Communications Board meeting on October 16.

Minutes of the September 15, 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 date for the employee picnic has tentatively been set for Sunday, October 19.
2. The Fourth Annual Disc Golf Tournament will be held October 4 at Camp Hawk. There are 75 teams that have signed up to compete.
3. John reported that Bridges Inc. will begin driving piling later this morning for the repair of the bridge on NW 36th Street near Camp Hawk.
4. The Commissioners received the agenda for the joint City/County meeting to be held at City Hall tomorrow afternoon at 5:00 p.m. The upgrade of the Law Enforcement Center will be discussed.
5. John reported that Terry Jacob, who held a demonstration of the road magnet at Camp Hawk on Thursday evening, thanked the County for allowing him to explain how the road magnet works and how it would benefit townships and cities. He is also interested in presenting at the KAC conference in November.
6. John reminded the Commissioners that a short Commission meeting will be held on Columbus Day followed by employee insurance meetings. Flu shots for employees will also be given that day by the Health Department. The Commission meeting will begin that morning at 7:45 a.m.
7. Rich Hanley, Director of the Department on Aging, presented an updated FTA/KDOT Anti-Drug and Alcohol Misuse Prevention Policy. There were several changes in the policy based on recommendations from the FTA. Rich also presented a proposed supplement to the policy to deal with what would happen if the county would receive a

report of a diluted sample from the drug testing company. The question is whether a second test should be required. There is nothing in the current policy to deal with this. Discussion was held and Counselor Greg Nye will review the issue and report back next week. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the Anti-Drug and Alcohol Misuse Policy as recommended by FTA/KDOT. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

8. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that the road striping has now been completed. He also reported that shoulderering is done on Hesston Road. Crews are now working on the removal of material from the bridge deck on SE 84th Street.
9. Sheriff T Walton reported that he has transferred a Detention Deputy to the Sheriff's Office to work on the PREA policy. A drug take-back day will be held this Saturday.
10. Joyce Truskett, County Clerk/Election Office reported that all UOCAVA ballots were sent last Friday, in accordance with State Statute. The State Supreme Court ruled that the name of the Democratic candidate for Kansas Senator could be removed from the ballots. It is still unknown whether the Democratic Party will name an alternate candidate in accordance with statute.
11. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the asbestos abatement will continue two more weekends on the upper floor of the Courthouse. Hard ceiling removal should be completed later this week. Sheet metal work and electrical work is beginning in the basement.
12. Byron Warta reported that work continues on the ABI building at the Airport. There is a planned tour of the new Hangar W following the Aviation Commission meeting later this afternoon. The CEO of ABI gave a presentation last week and expressed that they are very happy with the City of Newton and the Harvey County EDC for enabling this project to progress so quickly. Byron also gave a detailed EDC prospect report from August 21 to September 17.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizens Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$236,744.05 and hand written checks in the amount of \$878.09 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:15 a.m., the public hearing was opened to hear possible protests of the solid waste fee, as required by State Statute. Heidi Huber, Solid Waste Clerk, presented a list of 2013 delinquent solid waste fees. The list was reviewed and discussed, but there were no citizen protests. The hearing was closed at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the report as presented. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Don Gruver, Director of 911 Communications, gave the Commissioners an update of the 800 Mhz radio project. A radio showcase was held two weeks ago where bidders came in and presented their products. There were 50 to 60 attendees from various involved agencies that attended. Discussions have also been held about possible tower sites. There are options available, but nothing has been firmly decided. The project should be finalized by the end of 2015.

The meeting was recessed at 11:15 a.m. to attend the Quad County meeting in Wichita.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Ron Krehbiel
Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

Randy Hague
Randy Hague, Member

George A. "Chip" Westfall
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ATTEST:

Joyce Truskett
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

