

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 13, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 13, 2015 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Hague called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall suggested that the trees on the front lawn of the courthouse should be cleaned up and trimmed before planting grass seed. John Waltner, Administrator, stated that some trees will be removed and the rest will be trimmed prior to planting.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall will attend the 911 Board meeting on Thursday, April 16.

Minutes of the April 6, 2015 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented Railroad Crossing Improvement number 40X-2905-D1 for consideration. The plan authorizes crossing improvements by BNSF for the crossing on S. Wheatstate Rd. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve Railroad Crossing Improvement number 40X-2905-D1 and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Rex Yohn, Harvey County Weed Director, presented the Noxious Weed Spraying Agreement with KDOT for consideration. The agreement states that KDOT will pay \$36 per hour to treat noxious weeds on State Highway Rights-of-way. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the Noxious Weed Spraying Agreement with KDOT and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. John presented a letter in support for two Kansas Development Finance Authority (KDFFA) Agricultural Development Revenue Bond projects. The letter states that the Harvey County Commission supports the issuance of the bonds for the Beginning Farmer Program project applications. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to support KDFFA Agricultural Development Revenue Bond project numbers 000921 & 000922. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. Don Gruver, Communications Department Director, presented an agreement with KDOT to co-locate microwave transmitters for the new 800 Mhz system on KDOT towers. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the co-location agreement with KDOT and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, presented a requisition for the purchase of a Smart Board system for the Emergency Operations Center. The requisition is for PO #51013 to Kentav Audio Visual for a Smart Board M685 system at a cost of \$7,228.00 to be paid with Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) funds. Butler

- County is the fiscal agent for the CRI funds, so their policy of commission approval of purchases over \$5,000 needs to be followed. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the purchase requisition for \$7,228.00 to Kentav Audio Visual for a Smart Board M685 system. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. John reported that a REAP water conference will be held on May 21 at Kansas Newman University.
 7. John stated the he and Anthony have been meeting monthly with City of Newton staff. At the last meeting on Friday he was informed that the city staff recently met with the newly elected members of the city commission to get acquainted and discuss current and future issues. John suggested that the County Commissioners meet with the new city commissioners.
 8. John reported that Hodgeman County Commissioner Larry Nuss passed away over the weekend.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Terry Jacobs, Lake & Lakin township representative, stated that he is interested in purchasing a used motor grader for use with his road magnet system. He asked if the motor grader that is being replaced by the Road & Bridge department would be available for purchase. He was told that the used motor grader was included in the bid as a trade-in, but he might be able to purchase it from the winning bidder once they are determined after the bid opening on April 27. Terry stated that after he purchases a motor grader, he would like to offer road grading with his magnet system as a service to other townships and the county.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (continued):

9. Byron Warta reported that he recently visited the BRI bioresearch facility in Manhattan. He also stated that 32 counties in SW Kansas are in extreme drought conditions according to the most recent report.
10. Sheriff T Walton asked whether the Newton Police Department or the Sheriff Department is responsible for responding to alarm calls at the City/County Airport. He was told that the City of Newton annexed the airport property, so the Newton Police Department should respond to those calls.
11. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that with rain in the forecast this week, he is revising work schedules for his department. He also reported that he met with representatives from Eagle Drainage District and his department will be assisting with cleaning and grading about 650 feet of ditches in the district.
12. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that Campfire Chats and nature hikes have begun at the parks. He also stated that he reviewed his budget and found some line items that can be reduced to offset the increased cost to implement the full amount of fish stocking requested in the recent bid awarded to Harbin Fish Farms. He asked if he could proceed with the full fish stocking. The commissioners agreed to the request.
13. Anthony Swartzendruber stated the insurance adjuster looked at the damages incurred at the courthouse from the storm. He also reported that he is working with the contractors to address the HVAC issues at the LEC.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$324,235.87 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Jan Jones, Executive Director of the Harvey County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Task Force and Safe House, presented the 2015 Kansas Emergency Solutions Grant Application. The grant request is for \$79,485 total, the same amount as requested last year of which only \$45,000 was received. The grant provides funding support for shelter and homeless prevention. Jan stated that the Task Force and Safe House assisted approximately 1,400 women and children last year. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the grant application and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

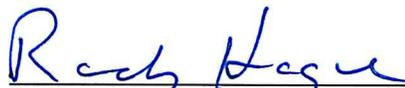
Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Executive Director of the Harvey County EDC, reported on the status of the application by the KLP to KDOT to be considered as a Transload Facility. She reported that KDOT is looking at developing up to 5 Transload Facilities in the state. She reported that 43 applications were received by KDOT for more than 90 sites, so a second round of questions are being requested by KDOT to narrow the list. She stated that the KLP meets all of the criteria listed and with the existing infrastructure, should be a strong candidate to become one of the Transload Facilities.

Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator/Finance Director, presented the 2015 1st Quarter Financial Report. He reported on the revenues and expenses by fund for the 1st quarter of this year compared to last year and the percentages of total budget. He stated that expenses are on target, but revenues will need to be monitored closely due to some changes by the Legislature that made it difficult to accurately budget for.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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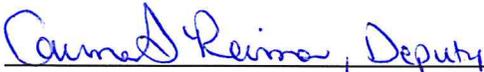


Randy Hague, Chairperson

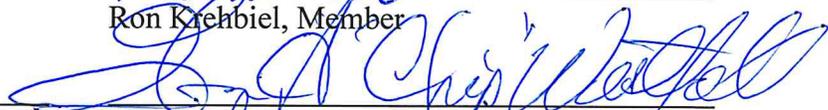


Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:



Rick Piepho, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member