

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 27, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met for a special work session on April 27, 2015 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Hague called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The work session ended at 8:30 a.m. with no action taken.

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 27, 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 reported that Byron Warta was not reappointed by the City of Newton to the Newton Airport Commission. He commended Byron Warta for his years of service on the Newton Airport Commission.
2. Commissioner Hague stated that he was contacted by a resident who had concerns about the condition of Woodlawn Rd. north of 60th Street which is maintained by the county.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Newton Chamber Steak Cookout and Dessert Auction will be held on May 1 at 6 p.m. at the Armory. Reservations have been made for the commissioners and their spouses.
2. The Kansas County Commissioners Association conference will be held May 6 & 7 in Wichita. A pre-conference workshop on finance and budgeting will be conducted on May 5 by Harvey County Assistant Administrator/ Finance Director, Anthony Swartzendruber and Charles Jones from KU.

Minutes of the April 20 Commission regular meeting were approved with two corrections upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner presented the KAC Demographic & Taxation Report 2014-15. The report which is done annually shows population figures and rankings for the 105 counties. The report also shows valuations, tax levies and mill rates with rankings for all of the counties. He pointed out that Harvey County is ranked 99th out of 105 counties, with only 6 counties having lower tax levies per capita.
2. John reported that the prescription discount card program offered by the National Association of Counties (NACo) has been expanded to now offer a medical services program and a dental program. These programs are free to the counties and low-cost to residents. Harvey County which already participates in the prescription drug program will enroll in the medical services and dental discount programs so they will be available to Harvey County residents.
3. Anthony reported that Harvey County was awarded with a \$2,000 risk avoidance grant from KCAMP to purchase 2 AED's (defibrillators) for use in the courthouse.

4. John stated that Roy Patton and Larry Buller were invited to attend the commission meeting today to celebrate the April 30 retirement of each. Chairman Hague presented a plaque to Roy recognizing his 31 years as a county employee. Chairman Hague presented a plaque to Larry recognizing his 30 years as a county employee. A short reception was held after the presentations.
5. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that the asphalt patching south of Halstead should be done this week.
6. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, introduced Ken Kiser, hired recently for maintenance. He also reported that the first fish stocking occurred last Friday and that the fish looked good.
7. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the sales tax reports distributed show that sales tax collections are down slightly for the month, but are still positive for the year to date.
8. Rex Yohn, Weed Director, presented the invitation to bid for a 1 ton truck (cab & chassis only). The invitation to bid includes the specifications required and the trade-in of 1999 Chevrolet 3500 with about 150,000 miles. The replacement truck is included in the 2015 CIP budget for the Weed Department. The bids will be opened on May 11 at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the invitation to bidders for the 1 Ton Truck and send it to prospective bidders. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Tom Cowan and Bruce Cowan asked about the status of the bridge replacement on S. West Rd. over Mud Creek. They were told that the project was held up due to permits that were needed due to the creek being reclassified as a blue line stream. Jim Meier stated that the permits have been received and construction should begin this week and should take about 2 months to complete. The commissioners apologized for the inconvenience during the construction period and from the delay.

Charles Reinhardt stated that he had talked to Commissioner Westfall about a criminal complaint that has not been resolved. He was told that the complaint is in the hands of the County Attorney to determine how and when to proceed.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$113,060.22 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, opened the bids for a new Motor Grader. Three bids were received from two dealers. The bids received are as follows:

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| Foley Equipment – Caterpillar 12M3 | \$187,690.00 grand total |
| Murphy Tractor & Equipment – John Deere 670 | \$197,033.00 grand total |
| Murphy Tractor & Equipment – John Deere 770 | \$208,079.00 grand total |

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the bids and have Jim review the bids and make a recommendation later in the meeting. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jim returned after reviewing the bids and recommended acceptance of the low bid. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the bid from Foley Equipment of \$187,690 for the Caterpillar 12M3 Motor Grader. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Representatives from The Harvey County Extension Council presented a report of their activities for the winter-spring time period. Scott Eckert reported on the success of the Home and Garden Show. He also reported that he has conducted seminars and workshops and answered many horticulture questions from residents. Susan Jackson reported that the agency saved \$206,835 for 784 Medicare beneficiaries during the Medicare Annual Enrollment period. She also reported that they are conducting Learn & Energize sessions for the 8 week Walk Kansas program. Ryan Flaming stated that he assisted about 120 farmers with the Farm Bill and that he conducted a corn school and also a calving school. Scott reported for Ann Religa on the major 4-H activities.

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

Chairman Hague called the meeting back to order at 1:10 p.m.

At 1:10 p.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 40 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Linda Kientz, Anthony Swartzendruber, Dan Bronson and a candidate for the Emergency Management Director position. At 1:50 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 1:55 p.m. with no action being taken.

At 2:10 p.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 50 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Linda Kientz, Anthony Swartzendruber, Dan Bronson and a candidate for the Emergency Management Director position. At 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 3:10 p.m. with no action being taken.

At 3:15 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 45 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Linda Kientz, Anthony Swartzendruber, Dan Bronson and a candidate for the Emergency Management Director position. At 3:50 p.m. the candidate left. Executive session ended at 4:00 p.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



ATTEST:

Rick Piepho
Rick Piepho, County Clerk

Randy Hague
Randy Hague, Chairperson

Ron Krehbiel
Ron Krehbiel, Member

George A. "Chip" Westfall
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