

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**August 3, 2015**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 3, 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 expressed concern that Harvey County is being reported as a “safe haven” or “sanctuary” community for illegal immigrants and that there is legislation proposed to withhold some federal funding from communities classified as such. Harvey County is classified as a “safe haven” due to the policy of not holding persons without probable cause or an order from a judge.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel asked whether estimates have been received for repairing the road surface on SW 84<sup>th</sup> St yet. John Waltner, Administrator, responded that the Road & Bridge department is still working on them. Commissioner Krehbiel stated that the road should be able to be repaired and re-crowned without rebuilding and raising the roadbed which would be the ultimate goal.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that the Harvey County Fair is going on and that attendance has been good at the events so far.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The formal opening for the ABI Chemicals plant at 620 N. Oliver Rd. will be held at 2:00 p.m. on August 4.
2. The Old Settlers Parade will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8 in Halstead.

Minutes of the July 27 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John updated the commission on the proposed sale of the lot owned by the county at 409 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> in Newton. He stated that letters were sent to the two adjacent property owners to notify them of the county’s intent to sell the property and allow them a chance to purchase it, but so far no responses have been received.
2. John presented copies of the Notice of Sale of Real Estate that will be printed in the Kansan for 3 consecutive weeks in compliance with the resolution regarding the sale of the former Health Department building at 316 N. Oak St. in Newton.
3. John reported that the Wellness Committee is recommending the County sponsor and conduct a blood drive. The commissioners approved. The committee will schedule a date with the American Red Cross.
4. John presented a draft of a resolution to establish the Harvey County Food and Farm Council (HCFFC) as an advisory board. The HCFFC will serve as forum to bring together diverse food-related sectors for discussion and coordination of community wide efforts to improve access to locally grown healthy foods, examine how food systems operate, and develop strategies for improvement. They will seek grant funding for their activities and are not requesting county funding. This draft resolution will be

- posted on the county website and a formal resolution will be presented at next week's meeting along with a list of recommendations for board member appointments.
5. John presented a request by the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) to appoint a voting delegate and alternate for the KAC meeting to be held in November. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to appoint Commissioner Westfall as the voting delegate for Harvey County and County Clerk, Rick Piepho as the alternate. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  6. John presented a ballot sent by the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) to elect the Kansas representative to the Governing Board of the National Association of Counties (NACo). Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to cast the Harvey County vote for Richard Malm, Jefferson County Commissioner. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  7. John distributed NACo Free Prescription Discount Cards that will be available to all Harvey County residents.
  8. Kass Miller, Parks Director, reported on a possible blue-green algae bloom at East Park. The lake was closed to human contact over the weekend as a precaution. KDHE will take samples today and the results should be available later this week.
  9. Commissioner Krehbiel asked for an updated status on the conditions and replacement of the docks at West Park. Kass reported that the floating dock from Camp Hawk has been removed and is in the process of being repaired, and then it will be installed at West Park. The current plan is to install railings and stops for handicap accessibility. He reported that the pilings on the stationary dock are rotted out and cannot be repaired.
  10. Kass also reported that there was an ATV accident at East Park over the weekend. EMS responded, but there were no serious injuries.
  11. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, presented a letter to appoint himself to the South Central Regional Homeland Security Council. The letter appoints Gary to complete the term that was vacated upon the retirement of Lon Buller and to future terms after December 31, 2015. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, as the Harvey County representative on the South Central Regional Homeland Security Council and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  12. Brian Palmer, Newton City/County Airport Manager reported that the aerobatic team event held July 8-9 went well and that there is another of these events scheduled for October. The Air Force glider team would like to schedule a glider event to coincide with the aerobatic team event in October.
  13. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported to the commission in their capacity as the Harvey County Board of Health that Burrton USD 369 has contacted her about becoming the next site for their Healthy Concession Program. Details are being worked out. She also stated that the WIC program and child vaccines will still be conducted at the facility in the City of Sedgwick that Newton Medical Center recently ceased operations at.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$539,019.17 and a hand-written check in the amount of \$22,503.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Gary Denny and Skip Cowan presented the Harvey County Emergency Operations Plan for approval. Gary stated that the plan was extensively revised and updated by Skip and will be continuously updated in the future, but the State of Kansas requires that the plan be formally adopted every 5 years. Gary stated that Skip spearheaded this project and expressed his appreciation for the effort and work done by him. Skip stated that the plan is now over 2,000 pages broken into sections for the type of emergency event. The entire plan will be posted on the Emergency Management page on the county website at [www.harveycounty.com](http://www.harveycounty.com). Commissioner Westfall made a motion to adopt the Harvey County Emergency Operations Plan and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The 2016 Harvey County Budget Hearing was opened at 10:45 a.m. Halstead resident Gary Kraisinger asked about how the appraisal process works and how he might be able to get the appraisals for his properties reevaluated. The process was explained and he was directed to contact the Appraiser's office for more details. Commissioner Westfall reported that some citizens had contacted him regarding the proposed mill levy increase, but that they agreed with the reasoning after he explained that the increase in the levy was mostly due to public safety and the new 800 MHz radio system. The budget hearing was closed at 11:05 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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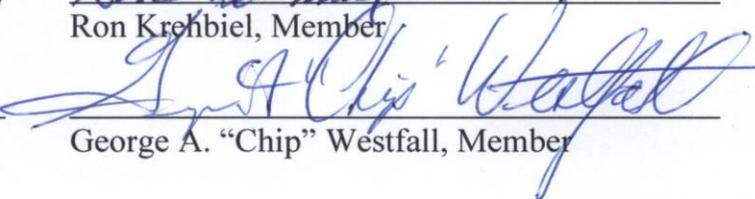


ATTEST:

  
Rick Piepho, County Clerk

  
Randy Hague, Chairperson

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member