

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

**August 17, 2015**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 17, 2015 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Hague called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that some township officials from Lake and Lakin townships contacted him about the possibility of sharing the costs of a piece of equipment. Counselor Nye responded that there should not be any legal issues, but the two townships should prepare written documentation of the agreement.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that there was vandalism in the camper storage area at West Park over the weekend.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that the joint meeting with the Aviation Commission and the Newton City Commission later today has been moved to the Courthouse Community Room.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the judicial selection committee meeting has been rescheduled for September 11.

Minutes of the August 10 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner, Administrator, reported that the notice of public hearing for the request for tax exemption by Budde Enterprises, Inc. was not published as required prior to the hearing last week. The public hearing has been rescheduled for August 31 at 10:15 a.m. The notice of hearing has been sent to the Kansan to be published on August 14.
2. John passed around a photo sent by a resident of the deteriorated condition of NW 36<sup>th</sup> St. from K15 to Meridian.
3. John informed the commission that a copy of an unpaid tax statement from 2012 for 215 Pine St. has been sent to Prairie View for payment.
4. John stated that the administration department has held discussions with the health insurance broker for the county about the preliminary reports from the current provider that their premium rates will increase significantly. He stated that discussions will continue to explore all possible options to keep premiums down including requesting formal bids from potential vendors.
5. Harvey County Extension Council representatives, Scott Eckert, Ryan Flaming and Susan Jackson presented a report on the 2015 Harvey County Fair. They all reported that the Fair was well attended and successful. Scott reported on the process of organizing and conducting the fair each year and he specifically reported on the horticultural related events. Susan reported on the 4-H events and judging. She stated that a new Barn Quilts exhibit was added this year. Ryan reported that there was a great turnout this year in the livestock department and that the sale total was \$85,000.

6. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that Dustrol is scheduled to begin their contracted work this Wednesday. He also presented a plan to resolve the Harper's curve culvert erosion issue on S. Ridge Rd. He met with Frank Harper to discuss the plan and he is agreeable to it, but wishes to discuss it with his father first.
7. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, presented copies of the letter from FEMA officially adding Harvey County to FEMA-4230-DR-KS, the Presidential Declaration for public assistance for the storm damage event earlier this year.
8. Kass Miller, Parks Director, reported that the power cords were cut off of all 3 campers in the RV storage area at West Park. He later reported that KDHE has downgraded the blue-green algae bloom at East Park from a warning to a watch status. The lake will remain closed to human contact as a precaution.
9. Anthony Swartzendruber, Finance Director, reported that the 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report was included in the commission packets for their review. He also distributed copies of the notice of vote publication for the 2016 budget that will be published per statutory requirement with a mill levy increase.
10. Anthony also reported that the electronic access system for the courthouse is very close to implementation with identification and access badges being created for all employees. He stated that the doors will be programmed to lock and unlock on a set schedule and that the access times are being programmed for each employee.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

Terry Jacob and a few other residents asked for an update on the plan to resolve the issues on SW 84<sup>th</sup> St. Jim reported that over 300 tons of material has been hauled to the site and distributed on the road to cover the crushed concrete that was previously placed and they are scheduled to fix the edge problems and reclaim the shoulders between Halstead Rd. and Hertzler Rd. this fall. He also reported that engineering work is being done to properly prepare estimates as requested by the commissioners. Terry suggested using a terracing disc on the shoulders to break up and reclaim the road material. He showed a video to the commissioners of the device in use.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$136,346.82 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry Sharp, KCAMP representative, presented a report of the financial condition and status of KCAMP. He stated that KCAMP is an insurance pool that is the leading provider of property, casualty and liability coverage for Kansas Counties. KCAMP currently has 63 county members, including Harvey County. The report included information on the governance, administration, assets and rates. He reported that assets have been increasing with low stable rates. He also reported on the benefits of KCAMP membership with their rate stabilization program and risk management services.

Jim Meier presented a proposed resolution to sell some surplus Road & Bridge equipment on the Purple Wave auction site. The surplus equipment included a rock crusher, a tractor, a mower and 2 pup trailers. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-15**, authorizing the sale of the surplus equipment. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss privileged information involving non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Counselor Greg Nye and Anthony Swartzendruber. Executive session ended at 11:40 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was recessed at 11:45 until the Joint meeting with the Aviation Commission and the City of Newton at 4:00 p.m.

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners reconvened in joint session with the Aviation Commission and the City of Newton with all three commissioners present. Chairman Hague called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Westfall, Chair of the Aviation Commission, called the Newton City/County Aviation Commission to order at 4:00 p.m. Normal Aviation Commission business was conducted including roll call, review of minutes, citizen's forum, financial review and the airport manager's report.

Sandy Limon, Chairman of the Newton Planning Commission, presented information regarding the proposed new airport zoning classification and ordinance. He stated that the goal is to create airport specific zoning for all properties at the airport and overlay zoning for adjacent properties. He reported that all properties would be reclassified under the new zoning, but that current non-conforming use properties would be allowed to continue to operate. He stated that the planned schedule is to create the zoning language and have it vetted by the FAA in September, conduct Planning Commission work sessions in October and present the plan adopted by the Planning Commission to the City of Newton and Harvey County Commissions in November of this year.

The Airport Commission resolution and appointments was discussed briefly. The revised agreement will be presented for adoption by the Harvey County Commission at their August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and by the City of Newton at their August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

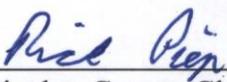
The next Airport Commission meeting is scheduled for September 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

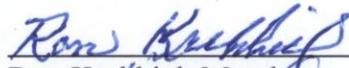
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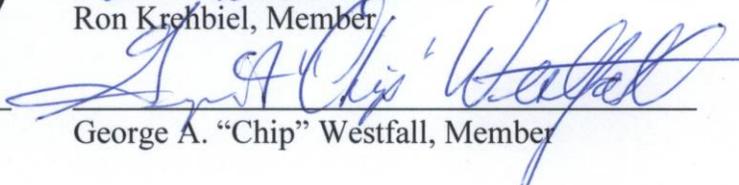


ATTEST:

  
Rick Piepho, County Clerk

  
Randy Hague, Chairperson

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member