

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 24, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 24, 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 he was contacted by a constituent regarding the status of the bridge on West Street that is temporarily closed. The permits have been received and work is scheduled in the near future to replace the damaged piling.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that he received a note from the Salvation Army requesting they be contacted if anyone has unused shelving units that they could acquire. Commissioner Hague will contact them about some shelving from his store.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that the next Central Plains Quad-County Planning Forum meeting will be hosted by Sedgwick County at the new Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport on September 21 at 11:45 a.m.
2. Commissioner Westfall questioned whether the County Commission should meet on Tuesday, September 8, the day after Labor Day. He stated that in the past the meeting after Labor Day has been cancelled if the agenda is light. John Waltner, Administrator, replied that he will check future agendas and report next week.
3. The Harvey County Employee Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 27 at West Park.

Minutes of the August 17 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John reported that a renewal agreement between the KLP and the Port of KC has been completed.
2. John received a notification from the daughter of Margaret Dick, a long time employee in the Treasurer's Office that she passed away.
3. John passed around some Thank You notes from the Historical Society and from the CDDO for their 2016 appropriations.
4. John presented the proposed joint enactment, with revisions, regarding the composition and duties of the Newton City-County Airport Commission. The agreement reflects changes requested at the joint Newton City/County meeting including the number of board members, consultation with the County for Airport Manager employment and the removal of the ownership committee. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to not approve Resolution 2015-16. He stated that the issues regarding the creation of the ownership committee need to be resolved and added back into the agreement. He also stated that the major points of the agreement need to be reorganized to clearly define the powers and duties of each commission involved. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. George Krievins, Aviation Commission

- member, agreed with the commission's decision. He stated that the changes were not approved by the Aviation Commission.
5. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported to the commission in their capacity as the Harvey County Board of Health that the master bike plan will be presented to the Newton City Commission at their meeting tomorrow night.
 6. Brian Palmer, Newton City/County Airport Manager reported that the annual Fly-in is scheduled for October 3. The guest speaker for the banquet that evening will be Sam Graves, U.S. Representative for Missouri's 6th congressional district. Brian also reported that an aerobatic competition event is scheduled for October 9-11. He stated that the USAF glider team is scheduled to attend.
 7. Kass Miller, Parks Director, reported that a movie in the park event was held at West Park over the weekend with good attendance and positive feedback.
 8. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, reported that the contractors are working on the final punch list of issues to be resolved with the courthouse energy upgrade project.
 9. Anthony also reported that the first phase of the employee badging system for the electronic access system for the courthouse is almost complete. 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.
 10. Anthony reported that three claims have recently been submitted to the insurance company. One is for the damage done when a brick was thrown through the window of the Law Enforcement Center, the second is for damage done to a Solid Waste vehicle that was run into by a citizen while it was parked at the transfer station and the other is for HVAC damages incurred at the LEC due to a power outage or surge.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Laurie Hartke, Newton City resident, spoke to the commission regarding their relationship with the Newton City Commission. She requested that the commission explore joint purchasing when possible and that the commission seek a better relationship with the City. Commissioner Westfall responded that the City and County already participate in some joint purchasing and listed some of the things that the City and County work together on.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$81,760.97 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, presented a fiscal year 2015 year end outcomes report. She gave an overview of the statistics and accomplishments for the year. She also reported that the State of Kansas significantly reduced the budgets for juvenile cases statewide including a \$14,000 reduction for the Harvey/McPherson County office. She stated that she was able to look at their budget and was able to cut other expenses to make up for the loss. She stated that most of the savings will be realized by eliminating or revising programs in the transportation services budget. She stated that her office is currently one of a few that provides full transportation services for juveniles, so that service will be eliminated, some of which will need to be done by the County. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2015 Year-end Outcomes report. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss privileged information involving non-elected personnel. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner and Counselor Greg Nye. At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 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 and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 11:00 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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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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