

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 31, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 31, 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 he met with the Demolition Derby Committee and drivers. He stated that they voted to contract with a different company for officiating and inspections.
2. Commissioner Westfall stated that a constituent contacted him about the need to mow a county road.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The 2015 Chamber Annual Banquet will be held on September 10 at 6 p.m. at the Meridian Center. Commissioner Westfall will be unable to attend. Reservations will be made for Commissioners Hague and Krehbiel and their spouses.
2. The commissioners discussed whether the County Commission should meet on Tuesday, September 8, the day after Labor Day. John Waltner, Administrator, reported that the current agenda for the meeting next week is very light. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to cancel the September 8 County Commission meeting and authorize staff to issue the warrant checks for next week. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The next Commission meeting will be held on Monday, September 14.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend the judicial selection committee meeting on September 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the August 24 Commission regular meeting were approved, with one correction, upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that he met with John and Anthony after the meeting last week to make revisions to the proposed joint enactment regarding the composition and duties of the Newton City-County Airport Commission. Counselor Nye reviewed the agreement and it will be forwarded to the City of Newton.
2. John distributed an aerial photo of the property owned by Harvey County at 700 E. 14th that is leased by ResCare. He stated that one of the parking lots in the photo that is frequently used for transport bus traffic is in need of repair. John stated that Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, is getting estimates for the repairs.
3. John distributed statewide Growth Analysis and Agricultural Land Value Change maps provided by the Appraiser's office. The maps showed the valuation growth from November 2014 to July 2015 by county with a range of -33.6% to 35.2% with Harvey County at 6.9%. The maps showed the agricultural land value changes from July 2014 to July 2015 by county with a range of -1% to 30.7% with Harvey County at 13.7%.

4. John presented an article from Renewable Energy from Waste magazine announcing that ICM, Inc., based in Colwich, Kansas, has been contracted for a gasification demonstration unit at a gasification plant planned for San Jose, California. ICM previously installed a test unit at the Harvey County Solid Waste facility. ICM recently contacted Harvey County about a gasification project at an ethanol plant near Lyons, Kansas.
5. Don Gruver, Communications Director, presented a contract with KDOT to place microwave equipment on the KDOT tower at 3200 E. 45th St. North, Wichita, for the 800 MHz system. Don stated that there will be no rental charges, but Harvey County will share the costs of electricity for the equipment shelter and will be responsible for 12.5% of the propane fuel costs. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the Permit Agreement for Installation of Equipment on Premises with KDOT and authorize Don Gruver to sign the agreement. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that the FEMA Kick-off meetings are scheduled for September 2-4 for the eleven declaration participants.
7. 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.
8. Kass Miller, Parks Director, reported that the Parks Board is working on resolving the ATV issues that have been occurring at the parks. He also stated that he is working on replacing the signage directing visitors to the parks.
9. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, reported that August sales tax collections are up more than 5%.

At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss privileged information involving pending litigation. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 9:50 a.m. with no action being taken.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$212,851.44 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

The Public Hearing for consideration of the request by Budde Enterprises, Inc. to grant a tax exemption was opened at 10:15 a.m. The hearing was previously held on August 10, but the notice of public hearing for the request for tax exemption was not published as required prior to that hearing. Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Harvey County EDC Director, presented the Cost-Benefit analysis of the proposed 10 year 100% abatement for the expansion project. The report showed a 3 year payback and a benefit/cost ratio of 2.05:1 for the County. Caroline Budde, Budde Enterprises, Inc. President stated that the expansion project will add a 44,250 square feet building to their existing facility at cost of

approximately 2.6 million dollars and they will add about 18 employees within 2 years. She stated that without this expansion the company would lose work to out-of-state competition. Commissioner Westfall stated that Budde Enterprises, Inc., has been an employer in Harvey County for a long time and he was pleased to see an established business expanding. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-17**, rescinding resolution No. 2015-13 and declaring the intent to grant an exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain property proposed to be improved, expanded and equipped by Budde Enterprises, Inc., a Kansas Corporation, for manufacturing purposes. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The hearing was closed at 10:25 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 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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