

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

**December 7, 2015**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on December 7, 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 on items discussed at the REAP meeting last Thursday. He learned that the City of Wichita has changed their policy regarding the amount of water drawn from Cheney Lake which will reduce the quantity of water drawn from the Equus Beds. There are also changes being made at Spirit Aerosystems to reduce the amount of water drawn by them from the Equus Beds by 1.4 million gallons per day.
2. Commissioner Westfall also reported that the City of Wichita is increasing their efforts to create the Heartland Flyer Amtrak route which will also go through Newton.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall stated that a meeting of the South Central legislative delegation is scheduled for January 7.
2. Local Government Day, which will be jointly sponsored by KAC and LKM, is scheduled for January 27 in Topeka.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel is scheduled to participate in a Regional Solid Waste teleconference meeting on January 20.

Minutes of the November 30 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner, Administrator, passed around Thank You notes that were received from the Decker family and the Religa family.
2. John stated that the closing of the sale of the Oak St. property occurred last week. He requested that the commission consider possible uses of the proceeds. He stated that the funds would go into the General fund if they were not directed to another fund. Commissioner Hague suggested possibly directing the funds to a new fund to be created as a self insurance pool.
3. John reported that the scale at the transfer station is scheduled to be replaced over the weekend of December 19 & 20.
4. Derrick Richling, Parks Operations Supervisor, presented a proposed Request for Proposal (RFP) with photos and plans for the demolition of the barn in the horse trail area on county property on the west side of East Lake Rd. south of 24<sup>th</sup> St. The RFP will be used to select a contractor to remove the structure and clean up the site in exchange for the lumber and materials, with the exception of specified amount of siding material that the department would like to retain for use at other facilities. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, suggested adding

- requirements for insurance and changing address for responses to the Courthouse address. Responses are due by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to issue the RFP for Barn Reclamation upon approval by Administration and Legal Counsel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. John reported that the plans for the restroom at West Park have been approved by MKEC. MKEC also created plans for the foundation. All of the plans have been forwarded to Prestressed Concrete who will begin creating the castings soon. Commissioner Hague asked what the additional cost and requirements would be to make the facility a storm shelter. John responded that he would do some research and report back at a later date.
  6. John presented a Pledge of Support for South Central Kansas Economic Development District, Inc. (SCKEDD) for 2016. The commissioners previously agreed to fund membership in SCKEDD in the adopted budget for 2016. The commissioners agreed that the return on investment for continued membership needs to be reviewed again during budget planning next year. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the Pledge of Support for SCKEDD for calendar year 2016. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  7. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting and workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the EOC/training room in the basement of the LEC.
  8. Kass Miller, Parks Director, distributed copies of details from Conquer the Gauntlet regarding the proposed obstacle course event. They are requesting use of about 100 acres for the course and an additional 5-10 acres for parking. They estimate approximately 1500 participants plus spectators. They state that part of the proceeds (10%-15%) are donated to 3 charities. Park revenues are typically received from per head registrations (\$1.50 to \$2.00 per head). The proposed date for the event is April 16, 2016. The commissioners directed Kass to proceed with discussions with Conquer the Gauntlet and recommended checking their references and further investigation.
  9. Brian Palmer, Newton City/County Airport Manager reported that he has been talking with the FAA and KDOT regarding plans to remove the 100 foot wide shoulders which are rapidly deteriorating on each side of the new 100 foot wide runway. He also reported that they are planning to respond to an RFQ to host the national aerobic championship.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$169,672.46 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Rich Hanley, Director of the Department on Aging, and Karen Kaufman, Transportation Coordinator, presented the annual grant application for the Public Transportation Assistance Project through the Kansas Department of Transportation. Rich reviewed the application including a listing of departmental vehicles and how they are used in and around Harvey County. Transportation is provided for medical services, work, shopping, recreation, and education. Commissioner Westfall

made a motion to approve the application and sign a letter of support for the KDOT Grant Application. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Kass Miller presented an agreement and special use permit policy between the commission and Quivira Council of the Boy Scouts of America regarding the upcoming annual Trappers' Rendezvous event to be held January 15-17, 2016 at West Park. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the agreement as presented and authorize the chairman to sign the document. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

John and Counselor Greg Nye presented proposed Findings of the Board of County Commissioners under KSA 12-520c for consideration in the matter of the proposed annexation by the City of Newton of property located in the county adjacent to the airport. Approval by the county commission is required by statute for annexation of land that is not adjoining the city. Resolution No. G-1143 was adopted by the City of Newton on December 1, 2015 requesting the commission consider the proposed annexation of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 23 South, Range 1 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the Findings of the Board of County Commissioners under KSA 12-520c as presented. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss proprietary information regarding economic development. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, Gary Emry and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 11:00 a.m. with no action being taken.

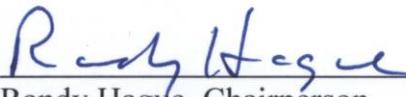
The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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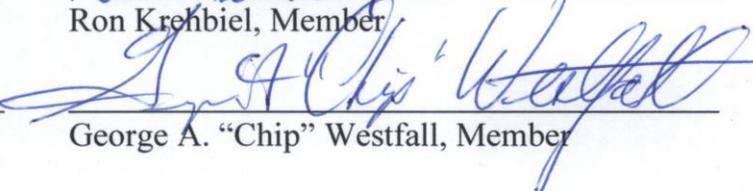


ATTEST:

  
Rick Piepho, County Clerk

  
Randy Hague, Chairperson

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member