

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

**January 5, 2015**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 5, 2015 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall has had a number of inquiries about the “gopher getter” being used by the parks department.
2. Commissioner Westfall called attention to an article in the Kansas Government Journal highlighting the impact to counties of demand transfer losses from the State. Since 1997 cities and counties have lost a total of \$1,865,936,544 due the State’s decision to not fund demand transfers for LAVTRF, CCRS and SCCHF.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Hague will attend the Harvey County PBC meeting at noon on Tuesday.
2. A joint City/County meeting has been scheduled for January 12 at 5:30 to discuss the police station status.
3. Commissioner Westfall will attend a REAP sponsored regional transportation (TRIP) presentation on January 7 and the REAP sponsored South Central Kansas legislative forum on January 8.
4. Commissioner Westfall will also attend the Chamber Public/Private Partners meeting at Charlie’s restaurant at 7 a.m. on January 9.
5. Commissioner Westfall has an Airport Board meeting on January 26 at Newton Fire Station #3.
6. The annual Township Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. on February 9 at the Road & Bridge shop.

Minutes of the December 22, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner, Administrator, commented about the news from late last week that the Saline County Commission voted to eliminate the positions of County Administrator, Health Department Director, Road & Bridge Director and the P & Z Director.
2. John presented a KS Department of Agriculture Nomination of Weed Supervisor form for Rex Yohn. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve and sign the form. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-1**, appointing and designating First Bank of Newton as the official depository for Harvey County. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-2**, appointing and designating the Newton Kansan as the official county newspaper. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

5. John reported that the Communications Department purchased a Ricoh copier.
6. Don Gruver, Communications Department Director presented a recommendation for a 911 fund 2014 CIP budgeted purchase for a voice recorder system replacement/upgrade. He presented a letter showing that he received quotes from 4 vendors.

DSS Equature, Southfield, MI	\$26,685.00
Voice Products Nice Inform, Wichita	\$67,919.03
Carmichael Business Systems Redbox, Omaha, NE	\$32,571.00
Nelson Systems Eventide Nexlog 740, Springfield, IL	\$18,975.00

After viewing demonstrations of each product, Don and his staff recommended purchasing the DSS Equature system. The DSS system was the most user-friendly and was recommended by the other counties that use it. Don stated that the low bidder, Nelson Systems' closest technician is in the KC area and that their price did not include all of the options that the other products did, but they are available for an unknown additional cost. Commissioner Hague disagreed with the recommendation to spend an extra \$7,710.00 over the low bid. The Commissioners agreed that Don should contact Nelson Systems to get a price with all of the options that the other systems had and return with that information before a decision could be made.

7. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, stated that even though the snowfall was light yesterday, they had 4 men out plowing, deicing and checking roads. There was a drift on SW 84<sup>th</sup> St that made the road unpassable.
8. Jim invited the commissioners to the retirement reception for Gary LaGree on January 9 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the R & B shop. Gary has worked for the county for 42 years.
9. Byron Warta stated that he was at the airport this morning and a very colorful Learjet came in with a child being transported for medical care. He also stated that the water situation in Kansas is "very foggy" and that some BAC's will be merged.
10. Sheriff T. Walton reported that in 2014 his department had 3,537 more calls for service than 2013 with a total of 21,679 in 2014. He stated that 2014 had the lowest numbers of burglary & theft, but the highest numbers for driving while suspended and drug related offenses. He also reported that there were no DUI arrests on New Years Eve.
11. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, presented the sales tax collection reports. He reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> cent sales tax collections are up 4.72% from last year and that the sales and compensating use tax collections are up 6.78% from 2013.
12. Anthony also updated the commission on the progress of the construction in the courthouse, stating that the heat pumps in the basement are now running and that the 1<sup>st</sup> floor units should be running by January 18.
13. Rick Piepho, County Clerk informed the commission that there are currently three special elections scheduled prior to the April 7 City/School election. On January 27 there is a bond question election for Buhler USD 313 conducted by Reno County that includes about 124 Harvey County registrants that will go to the pollsite in Buhler to vote. On February 4 there is a mail ballot election for Moundridge USD 423 for a LOB increase that will be conducted by McPherson County that includes about 197 Harvey County registrants. On February 24 there is a mail ballot election for Hesston USD 460 for a LOB increase that will be conducted by Harvey County that includes about 2900 Harvey County registrants and about 20 registrants from Marion & McPherson

counties. He also reported that the candidate filing deadline for the April 7 City/School election is January 27 at noon.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

John stated that Terry Jacob planned to present more information on the grader magnet being used in his township, but was unable to attend.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$292,332.02 from last week and \$191,675.45 for this week were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

A resolution approving the sale of Harvey County Public Building Commission revenue bonds series 2015A was presented. Commissioner Hague made a motion to accept **Resolution 2015-3** as printed. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Don Gruver returned with the new pricing with all of the options included from Nelson Systems. The new price including all of the options from the other systems is \$20,967.00. He recommended purchasing the voice recording system from Nelson Systems, stating that with phone support and a stable Linux operating system, the distance of the repair technicians for hands-on repairs should not be an issue. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to purchase the Nelson Systems Eventide Nexlog 740 voice recording system for \$20,967.00 and waive the purchasing policy. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Don Gruver also reported the he will travel to Leavenworth, KS and Chillicothe, MO to look at 2 used Nextel/Sprint tower buildings for possible purchase for use at the new tower sites needed for the 800 MHz system. He said the price for these buildings would be about \$12,000 to \$15,000 each which is considerably less than new buildings even with moving costs included.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

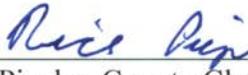
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Randy Hague, Member

  
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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Rick Piepho, County Clerk

