

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

**January 20, 2015**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 20, 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 stated that he would like to see property tax exemption review letters from each city like the one sent by the City of Halstead. He also asked for more details on the IRB's issued by the City of Hesston.
2. Commissioner Westfall stated that the commission needs to appoint a Harvey County representative to the vacant position on the EDC board. He reported that he has a couple of individuals in mind that he would contact to see if they would be interested.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel has a Central Kansas Solid Waste Authority meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 21.
2. Commissioner Westfall will participate in the REAP Legislative Committee conference call meeting on January 23.
3. Commissioner Westfall will attend the REAP Board meeting on January 29.
4. Commissioner Westfall is scheduled to attend the Chamber Public/Private Partners meeting at Charlie's restaurant at 7 a.m. on February 13.
5. The KAC County Government Day & legislative reception will be held February 4 in Topeka.

Minutes of the January 12, 2015 Commission regular meeting and the January 12, 2015 special joint County/City meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner, Administrator, asked whether February 17 or 23 would be better for the annual Farm Bureau breakfast meeting. The commissioners agreed that the 23<sup>rd</sup> would work best. The breakfast will be held February 23 at 7:00 a.m. at the Breadbasket restaurant. John stated that the EPA Clean Water Rule summary would be presented at the meeting.
2. John presented a letter of intention to enter into a co-location agreement from HPB Properties, LLC. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to sign the letter of intention to enter into a co-location agreement with HPB Properties, LLC. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. John reported that the prosperity plan will be presented at the REAP meeting on January 29.
4. John also reported that Dawn Warrington, RSVP Director, was notified last week that the state will conduct a grant monitoring visit April 21-23.

5. Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, reported that the Health Department will begin moving to the Pine Street location on Thursday, Jan. 22 with the moving company scheduled for Jan. 26 & 27. The Health Department will be closed Jan. 26 & 27. They will reopen on Jan. 28 and already have appointments scheduled for that day.
6. Lynette also reported that she attended a regional preparedness meeting last Friday and received an 800 MHz monitor that was awarded through a Homeland Security grant.
7. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that the Boy Scout Trapper's Rendezvous was held last weekend at West Park. He stated that the event went smoothly with 6202 registered campers.
8. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, distributed invitations to the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harvey County Township Meeting to be held February 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harvey County Shop.
9. Byron Warta reported that there was a lot of activity at the airport this morning.
10. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he was the speaker at the Lyon's Club meeting in Halstead last week. He also reported that they are working through some heating/cooling issues at the Detention Center. He stated that he will be attending the Sheriff's Association meetings in Topeka all next week.
11. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, presented the Standard & Poor's Rating Services report. The report shows that Harvey County was assigned a AA-/Stable rating. This rating is the same as last year.
12. Anthony reported that the window removal on the second floor began yesterday and that the first floor HVAC should be operational this week.
13. Anthony reported that Bryan Kidney, Springsted representative for Harvey County, will become the Finance Director for the City of Lawrence at the end of January. The chairman of Springsted will be the representative for Harvey County.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$500,322.39 and special checks in the amount of \$180.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Lon Buller, Emergency Management Director, reported that he explored other options for the vehicle purchase for his department and he was unable to find a suitable alternative that was below the budgeted amount of \$29,750. He explained that the difference of \$2,534.00 between the budgeted amount and the bid price from the low bidder of \$32,284.60 from Don Hattan could be paid out of the operations budget for his department from various savings that his department is expecting during the budget year. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the low bid of \$32,684.60 from Don Hattan for bid 15-003, 1 - 2015 Chevy Tahoe Police Package 4WD Pursuit vehicle. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Don Gruver reported that the 2 used 5 year old Nextel/Sprint tower buildings have been purchased for use at the new tower sites needed for the 800 MHz system. Hayden Tower will begin the relocation process.

Don also distributed a 5-year statistics (2010-2014) report of 9-1-1 calls. The report showed 99,741 total calls for service in 2014 with a breakdown of types of calls. He reported that 2/3 of 9-1-1 calls are from wireless phones.

Anthony reported that the PBC Series 2015A bonds were sold this morning with five bidders ranging from 2.28% to 2.69%. The estimated rate was 2.95%. He stated that there will be considerable savings in interest over the period of bonds.

A resolution authorizing Harvey County to enter into a lease agreement with the Harvey County Public Building Commission was presented. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept **Resolution 2015-5** with a correction for Section 1(b) to state “the true interest cost (“TIC”) of the Series 2015A Bonds shall not exceed 2.69%.” Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:43 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 12 minutes to discuss attorney client privilege and 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, and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 10:55 a.m. with no action being taken.

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

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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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