

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 27, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 27, 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 citizens have contacted him regarding the condition of the informational signs directing travelers to the county parks. He specifically stated that the signs on County Road 801 for West Park are practically unreadable.
2. Commissioner Westfall stated that the commissioners will need to lineup at 5:30 p.m. for the Harvey County Fair parade on Saturday, July 25.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that there is a link to a YouTube video of a joint City of Hutchinson & Reno County meeting on the KAC website. The video is of Kansas Senator Terry Bruce answering questions about the tax lid that was included in the budget bill that was passed by the legislature.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The formal opening for the ABI Chemicals plant at 620 N. Oliver Rd. will be held at 2:00 p.m. on August 4.
2. The Harvey County Republican Party Ice Cream Social will be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 6 at Athletic Park.

Minutes of the July 20 Commission regular meeting were approved, with one correction, upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner expressed condolences to Commissioner Hague and his family on the passing of his mother-in-law over the weekend. Services will be held on Wednesday, July 29 in Peabody.
2. John reported that the sprinklers have been repaired by staff and seeding of the front lawn of the courthouse should take place this week.
3. John reported that one of the HVAC units for the detention center quit working last Friday. He reported that they are working on getting a vendor to respond and correct the problem, but the unit is still down and it is very warm in the south side pods and in the kitchen of the facility.
4. John reported that the commissioners have been invited by the Farm Bureau to breakfast at the Breadbasket on Monday, August 10 at 7:00 a.m.
5. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that FEMA has approved the disaster declaration for Kansas for the flooding events this spring. Harvey County was not included in the initial declaration, but will be added and an applicant briefing is scheduled for August 3 at 11:00 a.m. in the LEC Training Room. He also reported that revisions to the Emergency Operations Plan have been completed and the plan has been

- approved by the state. The plan will be presented to the commission for approval at a future meeting.
6. John presented a proposed resolution authorizing the sale of the former Health Department building at 316 N. Oak St. in Newton. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-11**, authorizing the sale of certain property owned by Harvey County. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 7. John proposed that the lot owned by the county at 409 W. 3rd in Newton be sold. The 30' x 108' lot was obtained by the county in January 2003 after a tax foreclosure sale of the property. John reported that an individual who owns an adjoining property has expressed an interest in purchasing the lot for \$100. The individual would combine the lot with his property and donate them to Habitat for Humanity. The commissioners agreed that a letter should be sent to all of the adjacent property owners to notify them of the county's intent to sell the property and allow them a chance to purchase it.
 8. Sheriff T. Walton presented an update on the purchase of a transport van. He stated that a contract was awarded to Resnik Motors, now Kranz Family Inc., in January for a van for the Sheriff Department for \$21,994.00. It is now well past the 90 to 120 day period for delivery of the vehicle. He reported that Counselor Nye sent a letter to Kranz Motors giving a deadline of August 7 to resolve the issue and deliver a vehicle. In a phone conversation with the dealership Sheriff Walton was told that they would not be able to deliver a vehicle earlier than September, 2015. Undersheriff Todd Hanchett was able to locate a 2015 Dodge van meeting the original specifications with no mileage at Steven Chrysler in Wichita for \$22,503.00. Sheriff Walton contacted the Kranz representative with this information, and was told that they would not be able to find a vehicle for the bid price. Sheriff Walton asked the commission for permission to cancel the order with Kranz Family Inc. and allow him to purchase the van from Steven Chrysler. He stated that the difference in price of \$509.00 would be paid out of another fund. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2015 Dodge van from Steven Chrysler for \$22,503.00 after receiving written confirmation from Kranz Family Inc. that they agree to cancel the current order. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$139,371.36 and a hand-written check in the amount of \$1,200.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the condition of the portion of SW 84th St. that is maintained by the County. Several property owners were in attendance and expressed their concerns. The main concern is the metal that was in the fill material that was used to repair the road on June 1 to 3 after storm damage. Terry Jacob who was contracted by the county to grade the road with his magnet attachment presented 2 buckets with material collected from the road. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, stated that he chose to use the crushed concrete material that was available in the county yard as a base, but there was no intent to put metal on the surface of any road. He stated that citizens should

contact his department directly if they have any issues with county roads. Some residents reported that the overall condition of the road has progressively deteriorated over the last 5-10 years and it becomes a canal during rain events. Jim stated that he realizes that a major overhaul of the roadbed is needed. The commissioners stated that they have just begun exploring making revisions to the county road maintenance plan. They directed staff to get estimates from outside contractors for improvements to the road.

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss confidential matters involving economic development. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Counselor Greg Nye, Rick Piepho, Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Bill Budde, Carrie Budde, Jaci Reimer and Beth Shelton. At 10:55 a.m. Jaci and Beth left the session. Executive session ended at 11:20 a.m. with no action being taken.

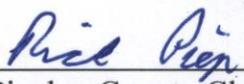
Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, presented six employment service agreements to employ on-call juvenile intake and assessment workers for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. These are all extensions of the agreements from last year. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion for Harvey County to enter into the Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections employment service agreements for Angela Dunham, Angela Schmidt, Brenda Higgs, Jacqueline DuBose, Morgan Sawatzky-Arendt and Wendy Couser and authorize the Chairman to sign each agreement. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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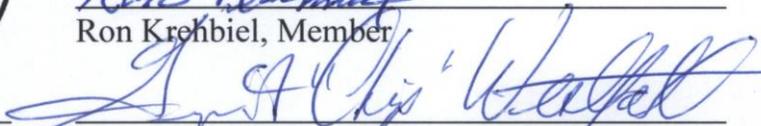


ATTEST:


Rick Piepho, County Clerk


Randy Hague, Chairperson


Ron Krehbiel, Member


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member