

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 8, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 8, 2015 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Hague called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that the tax revenue lid amendment, requiring a vote of the electorate if the county budget exceeds the rate of inflation, is still in the tax package bill (HB2109).
2. Commissioner Westfall thanked Jenna Quentin, reporter for the Harvey County Independent, for her service reporting on commission meetings. This is her last meeting as a reporter for the Independent.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall announced that a REAP legislative meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the REAP office in Wichita.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel mentioned the ground breaking ceremony for the bridge replacement to be held on June 12 at 10 a.m. at bridge 20-Q.9 on N Anderson Rd, south of 96th St. Mike King, Kansas Secretary of Transportation will be attending.

Minutes of the June 1 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:05 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss pending litigation and non-elected personnel issues. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Counselor Greg Nye and Rick Piepho. At 8:15 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 5 minutes to continue discussing pending litigation and non-elected personnel issues. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 8:25 a.m. with no action being taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner presented a letter supporting the selection of the KLP as a Transload Facility to be signed and sent to multiple recipients including KDOT. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the letter. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. John presented a letter from Prairie View Inc. requesting \$10,000 from the Special Alcohol & Drug Program Fund for 2016. The current balance in the fund is approximately \$9,500 and it has revenues of about \$2,300 per year. The request meets statutory requirements for usage of the funds. The commissioners agreed to table the request until all potential recipients of monies from the fund could be contacted.
3. John presented a proposal from File Safe for \$8,170.00 to add video surveillance to each entrance during the installation of the previously approved electronic door locks & security system. The commissioners agreed that it would be more cost effective to

- install the video system at the same time as the security system.
4. John presented a proposal from P1 Group, Inc. for maintenance program options for the newly installed HVAC system in the courthouse. The program includes all parts, materials and labor to maintain the new system including quarterly filter changes on the 75 individual units installed throughout the courthouse. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to waive the purchasing policy and proceed with the option 1, year 1 agreement for \$27,468.00. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that he has changed the patching crew schedule to begin at 6:00 a.m. to increase the tonnage per day being applied.
6. Anthony Swartzendruber updated the commissioners on the status of the courthouse improvements. He stated that almost all of the windows are installed and all of the new doors are installed.
7. Counselor Greg Nye reported that a possible increase to the recording fees was discussed during the Register of Deeds budget presentation last week. He reported that mortgage registration recording fees are set by Kansas statute and cannot be changed or increased by the County.
8. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, reported that last week he attended and completed year 3 of the three year/100 hour Sanborn County Clerk Certification Institute. He is now a Certified County Clerk and will continue yearly training to become a Master County Clerk.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Gary Hill, Harvey County Safe House and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force, Inc. Board member, expressed interest in the Oak Street building owned by the County. The Oak St. building was recently vacated by the Harvey County Health Department when they moved to the Pine St. complex. He stated that their staff office space needs exceed the current space provided in the courthouse. He also stated that the current Safe House is a 3 bedroom residence that has had to accommodate up to 20 individuals at one time. They are interested in acquiring the building for use as offices and a Safe House. He requested 45-60 days to have an inspection, explore possible grants and feasibility of improvements. The commissioners agreed to not make a decision on the future of the structure for 45-60 days.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$305,250.68 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, presented the proposed 2016 budgets for each of the Solid Waste funds. He stated that the C & D landfill is getting close to reaching the capacity permitted by the State of Kansas. He reported the long term plan is to add to the top of the closed MSW landfill or possibly purchase more land. Rollin stated that the department met the requested targets and has no supplemental requests. The budgets also contain previously submitted CIP projects; \$10,000 for concrete and asphalt repairs at the transfer station and \$268,000 to replace or repair equipment.

Jennifer Foster and LDeena Jones presented the proposed 2016 budget for District Court and Court Services. The budget includes new CIP requests for \$71,039 to remodel the main jury room and the District Court front office/entrance. Jennifer stated that jury room has not had any improvements or

upgrades since its construction in the 1960's, but it is in need of repairs and the bathrooms need to be ADA compliant. She also reported that the front office area needs to be remodeled to accommodate the Court Trustee and staff. A supplemental request of \$6,000 is included to supplement the judicial salary of Magistrate Judge, Stephen Hilgers.

Dwayne Roux, Josh Budde and Dana Stahl presented the 2016 proposed budget and appropriation request for the Harvey County Conservation District. They reported on the 2014-2015 activities and community involvement statistics and the goals for 2015-2016. They are requesting an additional \$3,935 appropriation to expand the school outreach program.

Rick Schlender, Scott Eckert and many other representatives presented the 2016 proposed budget for the Harvey County Extension Council. They are requesting a 5% increase over last year to fund increases in salaries, insurance and an equipment reserve to replace their van in the future. The deadline for approval of their budget is July 15. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 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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