

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 29, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 29, 2015 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Hague called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

There were no items added to the agenda.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

There were no items added to the calendar.

Minutes of the June 22 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported the results and recommendation to the commission in their capacity as the Harvey County Board of Health of the RFP's for the electronic health record system from the five vendors; Champ Software, Athena Health, Patagonia Health, eClinicalWorks & Mitchell & McCormick. She and her staff compared all of the submissions and found that all of the vendors met the specifications of the request. After demonstrations of each product, review of the proposals and economics of each product, Patagonia was chosen by the Harvey County Health Department Administrative Team to pursue further investigation. She reported that at this time 4 of the 11 counties in the KS Immunization Billing project have chosen Patagonia. She reported that there were a number of other reasons that Patagonia was chosen including; in-person training, ease of use, patient portal and an electronic reminder system. She stated that the contract still needs to be checked by the County Counselor and the IT department. She is also in the process of contacting references.
2. John Waltner presented a Thank You card from KDOT Secretary, Mike King and an email from Jessie Kaye, Prairie View, Inc., President & CEO regarding the statewide per capita average Mental Health funding.
3. John reported that Mary Adams has been hired as the new RSVP Director and Kathy Espana has been hired as the Special Projects Coordinator.
4. John reported that the glitch has been fixed in the tax revenue lid amendment, requiring a vote of the electorate if the county budget exceeds the rate of inflation with some exceptions, which was included in the tax package bill (HB2109) and trailer bill (SB 270) that were passed by the legislature. The legislature voted on Sine Die, the last day of the legislative session, on Friday June 26 to fix the error, making the lid take effect in 2018.
5. John reported that a JAG grant has been approved for \$11,966 for City and County Law Enforcement for the purchase of tablet computers. The Harvey County Sheriff department will receive \$4,394. The City of Newton Police Department will receive the remaining \$7,572.

6. John reported that some tree work has been completed on west side front lawn of the courthouse. The grading, leveling and grass planting should start this week.
7. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that the striping contractor will begin work next week and that the N. Anderson Rd. bridge replacement is scheduled to begin July 20. He also reported that road patching continues and some culverts are being replaced due to storm damage.
8. Lynnette Redington reported that the Health Department is conducting physicals to coincide with school enrollment which has already started at some schools.
9. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that the initial estimates from the storm damage are more than double the threshold amount required by FEMA for the county. He stated that the State of Kansas is combining multiple storm events into one to meet the statewide threshold. He has set the meeting date for all participating agencies for July 8 at 9:00 a.m. He also reported that 2 fireworks display permits have been issued for events being held in unincorporated areas of the county.
10. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the final fine tuning of the HVAC system is in progress. He met with each department in the courthouse to make a list of issues then presented the list to the contractor. He stated that for the next 2 weeks testing and adjustments to the system will be made.
11. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, reported that the township budget preparation meetings were held last Thursday & Friday.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$94,143.07 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Carl Eyman, KWORCC Deputy Administrator, reported on the Workers Compensation status and history for Harvey County. KWORCC (Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties) is the Workers Compensation coverage provider for Harvey County. He reported that the loss ratio for the county is 69% for the period of 2009-2014. He also reported that the experience mod rating is increasing which will lead to higher premiums. He stated that Harvey County has been doing a good job of promoting and participating in the online classes on workplace safety.

Abdul Arif, SCKEDD Executive Director, presented the benefits of membership. SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Regional Development District) is based in Wichita and covers a 14 county region including Harvey County. He reported that SCKEDD has three main functions; 1) promote economic activity, 2) CDBG application assistance and administration and 3) Kansas Weatherization Assistance Program (KWAP) grant administration. They provide high risk supplemental or bridge loans to businesses that cannot obtain complete financing through traditional means such as banks. They can also assist with the application and administration of Community Development Block Grants. He reported that they would like to become the coordinator of weatherization grants in Harvey County which are currently being coordinated by EKAN based in Ottawa. He stated that the commission should send a letter to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) to request that SCKEDD be assigned as the KWAP coordinator for Harvey County. He reported that the annual dues for Harvey County are \$.17 per resident per year for a total of \$5,800. He admitted that there is a need for

SCKEDD to restore confidence and provide value and that previous leadership did a poor job of promoting their services throughout the district. He reassured the commission that during his tenure the agency will be more involved in Harvey County and will do a better job of promoting and advertising their services. SCKEDD Board Member, Jaci Reimer, suggested continuing the county membership on a provisional basis with conditions to be met by SCKEDD prior to renewal.

Matt Schmidt, Executive Director of Health Ministries, presented the 2016 appropriation request. Health Ministries is requesting an appropriation for 2016 of \$7,500. Matt reported that Health Ministries had previously received an appropriation from the county, but did not receive any appropriation in 2015. He stated that the intended use of the appropriation is for the startup of the Halstead satellite facility.

The meeting recessed at 11:20 p.m. for lunch in the Register of Deeds office.

The meeting reconvened at 12:00 noon.

Anthony distributed a supplemental request summary that showed the total of all requests by all departments for 2016. The commissioners discussed the requests and gave direction for Anthony to proceed with budget preparation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.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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