

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 16, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 16, 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 participated in a legislative update conference call on Friday, March 13. He stated that the Kansas House of Representatives discussed SB 7, the school block grant bill for 3 hours on Friday before passing it with amendments. He also reported that HB 2296 requiring an election to issue PBC bonds passed the House committee with amendments allowing for a protest period and election if called for by petition.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

There were no items added to the calendar.

Minutes of the March 9, 2015 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, recommended that a policy should be established regarding the inclusion in the minutes of the names of interviewees during job interviews held in executive session. He recommended that the names of interviewees should not be included in the minutes. The commissioners agreed.
2. John reported that the Kansas Court of Appeals has set the date of May 13, 2015 for the hearing regarding the Halstead Hospital properties. Counselor Nye stated that the hearing is on the summary calendar, meaning that no oral arguments will be allowed.
3. John presented an invitation to the retirement celebration for Newton Police Chief Jim Daily which will be held on March 27 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Meridian Center.
4. John stated that Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, will attend a training session on the basics of food systems on Tuesday, March 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in South Hutchinson. The commissioners are invited to attend.
5. John presented a Proclamation in Recognition of the Importance of Kansas Agriculture to proclaim March 18, 2015 as Kansas Agriculture Day. Some representatives from Harvey County Farm Bureau were in attendance, also Carol Budde and her daughters Brylee and Brynn were present. Brylee Budde, 4th grade student at Walton Rural Life School told the commissioners about the programs and activities she is involved in with 4-H. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to proclaim March 18, 2015 as Kansas Agriculture Day and thereby encourage all Harvey County citizens to recognize and appreciate the importance of agriculture in our county and in our state. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

6. Lon Buller, Emergency Management Director, presented a proposed resolution amending section VI of Harvey County resolution 2010-9 concerning the storage of fireworks. The amendment prohibits the wholesale sale and storage of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Harvey County. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-8**, amending section VI of Harvey County resolution 2010-9 concerning the storage of fireworks. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, stated that the road patching has started and the crew is working today. He also stated that the removal of the bridge on S West Rd near SW 48th St has begun. Commissioners Westfall & Krehbiel have received complaints from a landowner regarding the bridge removal.
8. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that the parks are getting busier as the weather gets nicer. He stated that burn ban signs are being posted at the parks. He also reported that an Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sat. April 4 beginning at 3 p.m. at Camp Hawk.
9. Roy Patton, Solid Waste Director, reported that he looked at and drove the used 2004 Ottawa spotting tractor that is available from Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, Inc. in Kansas City. He reported that he negotiated the price down to \$25,000. He also stated that he discussed the vehicle with staff and they concurred that this vehicle would fit their needs. The commissioners directed Roy to proceed with the purchase of the vehicle.
10. Roy also reported that the east slope of the C & D landfill is up to grade and he would like to seed it with grass and cover with hay purchased locally. The commissioners agreed with the plan.
11. Anthony Swartzendruber reported on the status of courthouse upgrades. He stated that the ceiling grid and lighting work is in process, windows are being removed on the south side of the building and HVAC work continues on the 2nd floor.
12. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, reported that he attended the House Committee on Elections hearing last Wednesday regarding SB 171. He also submitted written testimony supporting the bill in its current form, moving odd-numbered year spring elections to the fall of odd numbered years, keeping them non-partisan, but opposing changes proposed by the committee chair to amend the bill to move the elections to the fall of even-numbered years combined with federal, state and other local races.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$344,505.93 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Executive Director of the Harvey County EDC, reported that KDOT is looking at developing up to 5 Transload Facilities in the state. A copy of the site location criteria and the presentation that was made at the Transload Facility Site Analysis (TFSA) Advisory Committee Meeting was distributed. She stated that the KLP meets all of the criteria listed and that the EDC is submitting an application for the KLP to be considered as a Transload Facility site.

Sheriff T. Walton and Prairie View representative Jessie Kaye presented an overview of a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant that they would like to apply for. This is a Category 1: Collaborative County Approaches to Reducing the Prevalence of Individuals with Mental Disorders in Jail grant for \$150,000 to develop a plan and collect data regarding mental health and substance abuse during and post incarceration. This grant would require 20% matching funds, either cash or in-kind. Sheriff Walton stated that 20% match would be an in-kind match without a budget increase. He stated that after the completion of the Category 1 grant then they would be able to apply for a much larger grant to implement the program and begin assisting individuals. Prairie View would assist with the application, development of the plan, collecting data and implementation of the plan. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the Sheriff to proceed with the grant application. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Kass Miller presented the proposed invitation to bidders for Fish Stocking for Harvey County Parks & Recreation. The invitation to bid is for the stocking of approx. 5,200 lbs. of pan size Channel Catfish at 2 locations distributed on 3 stocking dates. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize and send the invitation to bidders for Fish Stocking for Harvey County Parks & Recreation. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Kass Miller presented the proposed invitation to bidders for Contract Mowing and Trimming for the 2015 mowing season for Harvey County Parks & Recreation. The invitation to bid is for mowing and trimming 200 total acres at the 3 park locations on a 10-14 day cycle. This invitation to bid is substantially the same as the one sent last year for the 2014 season. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize and send the invitation to bidders for Contract Mowing and Trimming for the 2015 mowing season for Harvey County Parks & Recreation with a correction to include trimming in the areas to be mowed on the bid form. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jim Meier presented the proposed invitation to bidders for a 2 Year Mowing Contract for 240 miles of County Road Right-of-Way. The invitation to bid is for mowing 3 complete passes per season (May 1 – Nov. 20) of 240 miles of county road right-of-way. Jim presented comparisons of projected costs of contracted mowing versus continuing with in-house mowing. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to prepare and send the invitation to bidders for a 2 Year Mowing Contract for 240 miles of County Road Right-of-Way. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, Jim Meier and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 11:15 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



ATTEST:

Rick Piepho
Rick Piepho, County Clerk

Randy Hague
Randy Hague, Chairperson

Ron Krehbiel
Ron Krehbiel, Member

Absent
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member