

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 30, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 30, 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:

1. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at Camp Hawk on Saturday, April 4 at 3 p.m.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel is scheduled to attend a Harvey County Community Corrections meeting on April 15 at noon.
3. The LEPC will meet at 9 a.m. on April 15.
4. Commissioner Westfall stated that the REAP Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 16 at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes of the March 23, 2015 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, stated that Rollin Schmidt, hired as the new Solid Waste Director, starts work today.
2. John reported that Counselor Greg Nye is absent today due to having surgery on his knee last week.
3. John stated that he received a phone call from a Halstead resident that had previously expressed criticism for the condition of Halstead Rd. The caller stated that he was pleased with the progress of the repairs and expressed appreciation for the work being done by the Road & Bridge Department.
4. John presented a brief from the Wichita-South Central Kansas Export Plan Release Event that was held last week. He stated that the goals of the plan are to identify and engage exporters in the region and to help eliminate or resolve obstacles, issues and problems associated with exporting.
5. John presented a letter of support for proposed changes regarding taxation of low-producing oil wells. The proposed amendment to current statutes would remove the tax exemption from low-producing oil wells (2.0 to 5 barrels per day) if the price per barrel of oil exceeds \$50 per barrel as determined by the Property Valuation Department. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to support the proposed changes to K.S.A. 70-201t. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The letter was signed and sent to the Stafford County Board of Commissioners and to the local legislative representatives.
6. Sheriff T Walton reported that the Sheriff's Department and the City of North Newton Police have started a Highway Drug Interdiction Team. This last weekend multiple drugs were seized and seven arrests were made by the team.

7. Anthony Swartzendruber presented the sales tax collection reports. Sales tax collections are down slightly for the month compared to last year, but are still up for the year compared to last year at this time.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$82,615.63 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Meier presented the proposed invitations to bidders for three trucks. The invitations to bid are for three replacement trucks: a ¾ ton pickup, a 1 ½ ton truck and a ¾ ton 4x4 pickup. The trucks are included in the 2015 CIP budget for Road & Bridge. The invitations were presented as three different requests and were not manufacturer specific even though Ford is the preferred manufacturer. Jim stated that Ford trucks are preferred by maintenance staff and operators due to prior experience. The commissioners agreed that the invitations should be consolidated into one request with all three trucks and specifications for each truck included and that the request should specify Ford as the manufacturer. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to consolidate the bid requests and specify Ford as the manufacturer and send the invitation to bidders for a ¾ ton pickup, a 1 ½ ton truck and a ¾ ton 4x4 pickup. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Lisa French, Regional Water Goal Leadership Team Chairperson, presented a summary of the Long-Term vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas. The region includes the Equus Beds and the Walnut River basin. She stated that multiple public input meetings have been held. The purpose of the regional teams is to develop 3-5 SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Results-focused, and Time-bound) goals based on the public input to address the future water supply. Commissioner Hague expressed concerns about whether the cost issues are being addressed and if conservation plans will include agricultural water users.

Anthony Swartzendruber opened the bids for Fish Stocking for Harvey County Parks & Recreation. Harbin Fish Farms was the only company to submit a bid. The bid from Harbin Fish Farms is \$13821.36 for the stocking of approx. 5,200 lbs. of pan size Channel Catfish at 2 locations distributed on 3 stocking dates. The budgeted amount is \$11,500. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the bid from Harbin Fish Farms and allow staff to adjust the stocking quantity to meet the budgeted amount. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 11:05 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was recessed at 11:05 a.m. The commissioners left to attend the Quad County Meeting in Bentley.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 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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