

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**May 4, 2015**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 4, 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 reported that a few weeks ago he gave a Harvey County NACo drug discount card to a citizen and that the citizen has since contacted him stating how much they are saving on prescription drugs. They expressed their appreciation for the program.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The National Police Week Memorial Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 14th. The events begin at 11:45 a.m. at the Harvey County Fallen Officer Monument, in front of the Law Enforcement Center, followed by the luncheon in the Courthouse Community Room.
2. The Newton Airport Commission meeting has been scheduled for June 15.

Minutes of the April 27 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes of the April 30 special meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner distributed a report of the State General Fund Receipt Revisions for FY2015, FY2016 and FY 2017 from the Kansas Division of the Budget and Kansas Legislative Research Department.
2. John reported that registrations have been submitted for the REAP 2015 Regional Water Conference to be held on May 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Newman University.
3. John presented a Proclamation for National Police Week. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to proclaim the week of May 10 – 16, 2015 as National Police Week in Harvey County and urge all citizens of Harvey County to observe May 15, 2015 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. John informed the commission that Dawn Warrington, RSVP Director, submitted her resignation effective May 21. The commissioners thanked Dawn for her service.
5. John stated that, after the interviews that were conducted last week for the Emergency Management Director position, staff recommends appointing Gary Denny to the position. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to appoint Gary Denny as the Emergency Management Director beginning June 1 at the range 22, step 4 salary of \$51,355 per year. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Gary was later welcomed to the position by the Commissioners.

6. John presented the April 30 press release from Harvey County Communications. The press release reported that Cathy Rankin of Harvey County Communications was named the Telecommunicator of the Year 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up by the Kansas APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials).
7. John presented a proposed resolution to sell certain equipment that is no longer required for use by the Solid Waste Department. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-9**, authorizing the sale of the trailers, truck, loader, mower, sorter and shredder on Purple Wave On-Line Auction. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. Sheriff T Walton stated that the Highway Drug Interdiction Team is a huge success. He reported that the team caught the head of a drug cartel that was wanted by the DEA and Homeland Security.
9. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that Derek Richling has been hired as the Operational Supervisor. He also reported that the West Park Bait Shop should open this weekend and that the department is preparing for a busy Mother's Day weekend with a number of activities planned.
10. Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, stated that May is National Bike Month and numerous bike related activities are planned throughout the month.
11. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the five new vehicles for the Sheriff Department are ready to be delivered. A hand-written check will need to be prepared. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize a hand-written check in the amount of \$105,673 be issued for Don Hattan Chevrolet, Inc. for the five Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
12. Anthony stated that the week of May 3 – 9 is Public Service Recognition Week.
13. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, stated that he will be attending the KS County Clerks & Election Officials Association meeting this week.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

Lawrence Ruiz, developer from Junction City informed the commission of his interest in developing the Halstead Hospital property. He stated that he has been in contact with the current owner, the Harvey County EDC and the City of Halstead and would like the support of the County Commission. He stated that the current owner of the property, Azzi Reckess, is interested in selling. He asked if the Commission could help resolve the tax issues. The commissioners did not respond.

Wayne Valentine, 321 E. 12<sup>th</sup>, Newton, commended Rollin Schmidt for being very helpful on his recent visit to the transfer station.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$649,353.34 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Gina Bell, Planning & Zoning, presented information regarding a request for a conditional use permit (CUP). She explained that a CUP application was made by Frank & Mary Harper for "The Barn at Sedgwick, LLC" at 8426 S Ridge Rd. She explained that the building was not built with the intention of it becoming a business, but they would like to hold classes and events there. Gina stated that a sewer permit was still needed; the owner stated that he had the application with him. Commissioner Krehbiel

made a motion to approve and issue CUP 15-1 for The Barn at Sedgwick based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to amend the agenda to include CUP 15-2 & CUP 15-3. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Gina Bell, Planning & Zoning, presented information regarding two requests for a conditional use permit (CUP). She explained that the CUP applications are for 2 tower locations for the new 911 radio system. The towers would be built by HPB Properties, LLC and leased by Harvey County. She explained that neither location meets the setback requirements, but a variance has been filed for each location. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve and issue CUP 15-2 & CUP 15-3 based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the approval of the variance of the setback requirements. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:52 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 23 minutes to discuss attorney/client privilege and economic development. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Counselor Greg Nye, Anthony Swartzendruber 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.

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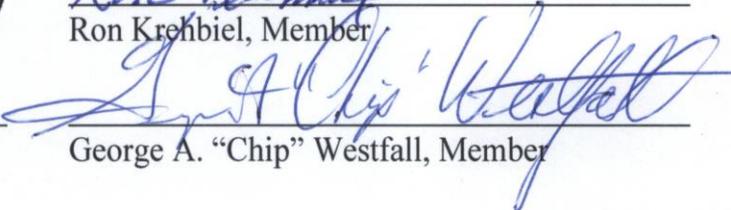


ATTEST:

  
Rick Piepho, County Clerk

  
Randy Hague, Chairperson

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member