

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 11, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 11, 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 on the KCCA meeting that was held last week. He stated that legislative issues were discussed. He also reported that the REAP legislative conference call was held last Friday. He stated that the legislature is mostly working on plans to correct the state budget shortfall and is expected to extend the session.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Hague stated that the Council of Governments meeting is scheduled for 7 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13 at the Breadbasket.

Minutes of the May 4 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Harvey County EDC representatives, Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Ray Penner, Byron Warta and Jaci Reimer briefly explained the property tax abatement procedures. They explained that three types of businesses are eligible for abatements on new projects; manufacturing, warehouse and distribution and research & development. Mickey stated that a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) is prepared for all proposed tax abatements. She reported that abatements are usually reserved for new projects or improvements that were not previously on the tax roll. She stated that there is no set policy on the term of the abatements and that they are negotiated by the company and the entity in which the project will occur. Commissioner Hague expressed concerns about abatements being issued by cities without regard to the impact on other taxing entities involved, mostly the School Districts.
2. John Waltner presented a letter congratulating Cathy Rankin of Harvey County Communications who was named the Telecommunicator of the Year 1st Runner Up by the Kansas APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials). Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the letter. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Chairman Hague presented the letter to Cathy and thanked her for her 37 years of service, so far, to the citizens of Harvey County.
3. John reported that a citizen visited him last Friday and questioned whether the signs posted at the entrances to the courthouse prohibiting the open carry of weapons were correct. John checked with multiple resources that all confirmed the signs are correct.
4. John informed the commission that Prosperity Plan Celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 13 from 4-6 p.m. at WSU. John also reported that he will be the recipient of the Hugo Award from the WSU Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs.

5. Gina Bell, Planning & Zoning, reported that the variances for the two tower projects were approved last week.
6. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that the West Park Bait Shop is now open and that the department is preparing for a busy Memorial Day weekend. He also reported that a number of activities are planned for the parks throughout the summer.
7. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that he is working on budgets.
8. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, stated that he attended the KS County Clerks & Election Officials Association meeting last week. He reported that the elections bill will likely be changed in committee to move municipal elections to the fall of odd numbered years and will be passed out of committee this week for a vote in each house.
9. Commissioner Westfall reported that he and Commissioner Hague met with Riley County Commissioner, Robert Boyd, who is new to the state 911 Board and discussed the issues that mid-size counties are facing with the 911 upgrade mandates.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Charles Reinhardt and Charles Richardson, Jr. reported on a criminal complaint regarding the Richardson Estate that has not been resolved. He asked if the Commission could talk to County Attorney about proceeding. He stated that he was told that the next step for him would be to file a complaint against the county.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$219,245.48 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Rex Yohn, Weed Director, opened the only bid for a 1 ton truck (cab & chassis only). Hillsboro Ford submitted the only bid for \$28,215 total including freight and trade-in of \$1,500 for a 1999 Chevrolet 3500 with about 150,000 miles. The total cost is less than the amount included in the 2015 CIP budget for the Weed Department for the replacement truck. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2016 Ford F-350 1 Ton 4WD Truck from Hillsboro Ford for \$28,215.00 total. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, presented an underwater bridge inspection agreement with KDOT for the bridge on NW 36th St. north of West Park. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve and sign the agreement. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jim Meier presented the final contract with APAC for the Hot Mix Asphalt project. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize the Administrator to sign the contract. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jim Meier presented information regarding the 2015 planned pavement striping of 54.56 miles of road. He stated that Midwest Striping has been the low bidder and they have a good finished product. He reported that last year there was only one other bidder and their bid was almost double the bid submitted by Midwest. He requested to be allowed to contract with Midwest for this years striping project. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to waive the purchasing policy and allow Road & Bridge to contract with Midwest Striping to stripe the 54.56 miles of road. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jim Meier presented information regarding the mowing equipment needs for his department to be able to handle the mowing tasks. He reported that bid invitations were sent for contracted mowing for the season, but no bids were received, so some equipment will be needed to do the job internally. He presented information for choices of tractors and offset mowers. From the choices he and his staff researched, he recommends purchasing the used 2013 John Deere 6105D tractor with about 58 hours for \$54,500 and the 2015 Bush Hog 3810 10" Offset Mower for \$14,200. He requested a waiver of the purchasing policy to be able to purchase and receive the equipment to begin the mowing season right away. The commissioners discussed the needs and asked for more information regarding the recommendation to purchase the used John Deere 6105D over the Farmall 85C that is less expensive. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to waive the purchasing policy and purchase the 2015 Bush Hog 3810 10" Offset Mower for \$14,200 from SkyView Equipment in Hiawatha, KS. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jim Meier and Keith Ayotte, MKEC Engineering, Inc. representative opened the bids for Harvey County Bridge 20-Q.9 Replacement. The only bid submitted is from HWA Davis for \$99,237.00 total. The bid includes the removal of bridge number 20-Q.9 and replacement with a new structure consisting of 3 10'x6' reinforced concrete box bridges. Keith reviewed the bid and stated that all of the qualifications were met. Construction is estimated to take approximately 60 days and should begin in mid June. The State of Kansas will pay about 90% of the cost. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the bid from HWA Davis for \$99,237.00 for the replacement of bridge number 20-Q.9. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss attorney/client privilege. Commissioner Westfall 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 11:50 a.m. with no action being taken.

John reported that he discussed and submitted estimated costs for the proposal to build a new bathroom structure at West Park with Rod Nicholson. Rod replied that the Rhoades Foundation is willing to pay about \$40,000, split over 2 years, of the estimated \$54,000 estimated to construct a new bathroom at West Park similar to the ones at East Park.

Jim Meier and the R&B mechanic, Alan Libel, returned with more information regarding the differences between the John Deere and the Farmall tractors and the reason for the recommendation. Alan stated that the John Deere would be easier to maintain and would have a higher resale value. Jim reported that both tractors have a 2 year warranty from the time of purchase. He also reported that upon further research he learned that the Farmall is located in North Carolina and would cost about \$4.25 per mile for delivery and would take some time to arrive. He stated that the John Deere is located in Andale and would not cost extra for delivery would could take place right away. He stated that after adding the delivery costs for the Farmall that purchase price would be almost equal and the John Deere is immediately available. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to waive the purchasing policy and purchase the used 2013 John Deere 6105D tractor with about 58 hours for \$54,500 from PrairieLand Partners. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to amend the 2015 CIP budget for Road & Bridge as presented to allow for the mowing equipment purchases. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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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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