

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 2, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 2, 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 met with representatives from Highland Township on Saturday to discuss the bridge replacement project on Anderson Rd. There are concerns about the final road elevation and approaches. The Road & Bridge department will contact the township officials to address their concerns.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The commissioners discussed the times to meet and leave on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to travel to and attend the KAC Conference in Wichita.
2. Commissioner Westfall and Administrator John Waltner will attend a meeting tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at the Newton City building to discuss the selection of the City/County Airport engineer.
3. The 4H banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on November 21 at Faith Mennonite Church.

Minutes of the October 26 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John reminded the commissioners of the planning commission meeting to be held tonight at 7:00 p.m.
2. John reported that the defensive driving classes conducted by KWORCC last week were well attended. He presented a list of all of the County employees that completed the course.
3. John stated that he contacted Excel Industries in Hesston about hosting the Quad County meeting in December at their facility. They agreed to host the event and give a tour to attendees. The meeting will be scheduled for December 14. Administration will finalize the details and send invitations to the Quad County members.
4. John stated that discussions have been held in the past regarding the transfer of monies being held by the State of Kansas for Harvey County in the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund. He suggested transferring the \$119,603.64 that is currently being held by the State into the general fund of the County. The commissioners agreed that with the current financial condition of the State of Kansas the funds should be transferred to avoid a possible sweep of the funds by the State. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$119,603.64 from the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund to the general fund of the County. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. John stated that he has talked with the previous county engineer and the current county

- engineer and he met with Counselor Greg Nye about the C & D extension to the top of the closed landfill. He stated that Poe and Associates was contracted and paid to do the engineering work required for the extension, but has since been replaced by MKEC as the engineering firm for the county. He has requested signed copies of the engineering plan from Poe and Associates and recommends that if they are not received this week that legal proceedings should begin. The commissioners agreed.
6. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported to the commission in their capacity as the Harvey County Board of Health that the flu vaccination program is continuing as supplies of the vaccine become available.
 7. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that the tabletop exercise for the City of Hesston and USD 460 are scheduled for this week. Gary also reported that he is working on a mass fatality plan for Harvey County that will be presented at a future meeting.
 8. Kass Miller, Parks Director, reported that he is still contacting other counties about their enforcement policies. He also reported that a meeting was held with representatives from Quivira Council of the Boy Scouts of America regarding the upcoming annual Trappers' Rendezvous event to be held at West Park in January. He stated that they discussed possibly charging fees to the Coleman Company for the right to be the sole retailer at the event. He reported that the Council would like to have a walking bridge built over the river to connect the east and west parts of the park.
 9. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, reported that sales tax collections are down for the month compared to last year, but the figure for the same month last year was abnormally high. He reported that year to date collections are higher than last year by about 5%.
 10. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, distributed copies of the 2015 mill levy rate sheet.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$44,468.54 and a hand-written check in the amount of \$8,316.87 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, and John presented estimated costs from Hammel Scale and Salina Scale Sales & Service Inc. to replace the scale at the transfer station. John reported that the scale at the transfer station was recently inspected and tested for certification by KDHE. The scale failed the testing, but a temporary extension of the certification was granted to allow for the replacement of the scale. The price quoted by Hammel Scale is \$62,295.00 plus the rental of a temporary scale during the installation period. The price quoted by Salina Scale is \$58,545.00 with \$4,500 included to install the scale over a weekend, eliminating the need to rent a temporary scale. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to waive the purchasing policy and approve the purchase of the Weigh-Tronix Bridgemount scale with accessories from Salina Scale Sales & Service Inc. for \$58,545.00 including weekend installation. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

John presented the sealed bids for the purchase of the old Harvey County Health Department building

at 316 N Oak, Newton. John stated that the bid deadline was 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30. John reported that only one bid was received prior to the deadline. The envelope was opened and the bid was read. The only bid was for \$42,189.00 from Midtown Properties, LLC on behalf of the Harvey County Safehouse. John recommended approval of the bid. The commissioners had some concerns about selling the building to a private company for the discounted price submitted. Safehouse board chairman, Gary Hill and other board members explained that due to the difficulty of raising funds and their limited availability of cash, they made arrangements with the third party, Midtown Properties, LLC to purchase the building and lease it to the Safehouse until they can raise the capital required to purchase it from them. The commissioners all agreed that there is a need for a Safehouse in the county and that they are in need of a larger and better building. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the bid and authorize the sale of the building at 316 N. Oak, Newton in as-is condition for \$42,189.00 to Midtown Properties, LLC on behalf of the Harvey County Safehouse. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.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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