

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 16, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 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 reported that he attended the REAP regional policy summit last week. Importing & exporting assistance and opportunities were among the topics discussed. He reported that two companies located in Harvey County were announced as recipients of export accelerator grants from JP Morgan Chase & Co. through Kansas Global Trade Services. The two companies are RedGuard in Halstead and Continental Agra Equipment, Inc. in Newton.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel announced that Marilyn Wilder was appointed by the Governor as the new judge for the 9th Judicial District Court to fill the position that was vacated upon the retirement of Judge Richard Walker.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Hague is scheduled to attend the Council of Governments on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 a.m. at the Breadbasket. The guest speaker will be lobbyist Bernie Koch.
2. The Harvey County Farm Bureau annual meeting and dinner is scheduled for November 30 at The Barn in Burrton.
3. The Harvey County Regional Planning Commission Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 1 at 6:30 p.m. at The Barn in Burrton.
4. Commissioner Westfall is scheduled to attend Walton Fire District #1 meeting on December 3.
5. Commissioner Westfall has a REAP legislative committee meeting scheduled on Thursday, November 19.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, reported that he met with the Alta Township clerk last Friday. The main topic of discussion was the disputed invoice from Alta Township to Harvey County for road repairs to the township roads that were used as alternate routes that were made by the township during the replacement of the Burmac Bridge. John stated that prior to the construction the Road & Bridge department offered to haul some rock for the township for road repairs, but they did not make any request for assistance during the closure of the road. John stated that at the meeting on Friday he offered some tree trimming services and rock hauling in exchange for payment of the invoice. His offer was not accepted by the township clerk.

2. Lynnette Redington, Health Department director, addressed the Local Board of Health (the County Commission) with information about two grants. The department was awarded \$1500 from the Women's Community Fund to purchase bike helmets and locks for children in the county. This award will be presented on Thursday, 5:30 p.m. at the Old Mill Conference Room, Newton. She then expressed the need for approval by the board to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for a multijurisdictional grant joining Harvey County Health Department with the Reno County and the Marion County Health Departments to create a HIV/STI outreach of services through the Shared Public Health Services In Kansas funding opportunity. This grant is through the Kansas Health Institute for up to \$10,000. Harvey County staff would provide education and STI testing for Marion County residents/students at Tabor College. It is a one year project to encourage collaboration between county health departments. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize Lynnette to sign the MOA. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Lynnette invited the commissioners to attend the WorkWell KS workplace wellness workshop to be held December 1 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Pine St. community room.
4. Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, presented a proposed Invitation to Bidders for the purchase of a new 2014 or 2015 backhoe for the Solid Waste department. This purchase is included in the 2016 CIP budget. The bids are due at 4:00 p.m. on December 31 to be opened in public on January 4, 2016. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve and distribute the Invitation to Bidders. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Undersheriff Todd Hanchett presented three proposed Invitation to Bidders, with attached requirements, for the purchase of 5 new 2016 Ford Police Interceptor SUV AWD, 1 new 2016 Ford Police Interceptor SUV AWD and 1 new 2015-2016 Chevy or GMC 3500 van for the Sheriff department. This purchase is included in the 2016 CIP budget. Todd reported that they are specifying the Ford vehicles this year due to a major increase in pricing by GM on the Chevy Tahoe that have been purchased in previous years. The bids are due at 4:00 p.m. on December 31 to be opened in public on January 4, 2016. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve and distribute the three Invitation to Bidders. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that the final inspection has been conducted and approved for the replacement bridge structure 20-Q.9 on Anderson Rd. north of Dutch Ave.
7. Kass Miller, Parks Director, reported that he was contacted by Conquer the Gauntlet from Tulsa about the possibility of using West Park for one of their obstacle course competition events. The commission indicated interest as long as the facility was restored to the conditions prior to the event. Kass was instructed to obtain more details.
8. Derrick Richling, Parks Operations Supervisor, presented photos and plans for the demolition of the barn in the horse trail area on county property on the west side of East Lake Rd. south of 24th St. He suggests selecting a contractor that will remove the structure and cleanup the site in exchange for the lumber and materials, with the exception of a small amount of the siding material that the department would like to retain for use at other facilities. The commissioners agreed that a Request for Proposal should be prepared and presented.

9. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he attended the Kansas Sheriffs' Association conference last week. The costs to counties of unfunded State mandates were discussed.
10. Lynnette reported that this Thursday, November 19 is the Great American Smokeout. She encouraged all smokers to participate. She also stated that November is Diabetes Awareness Month.
11. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, reported that he met with 360 Engineers for the close-out meeting for the construction phase of the courthouse project. He stated that the construction phase is completed and the 1-year measure and verify phase will begin.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$238,535.08 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel stated that the terrorist attacks in Paris over the weekend are a tragedy. He encouraged everyone to keep the victims and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

At 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 35 minutes to discuss privileged communication with attorney concerning threatened litigation. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Jim Meier, Counselor Greg Nye and Rick Piepho. Jim Meier left the session at 10:45 a.m. Executive session ended at 11:00 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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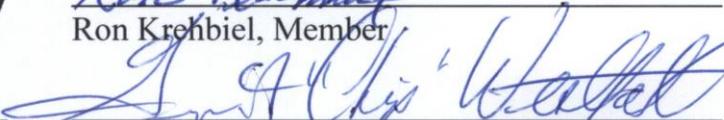


ATTEST:


Rick Piepho, County Clerk


Randy Hague, Chairperson


Ron Krehbiel, Member


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member