

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 23, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 23, 2015 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Hague called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Hague expressed condolences for Emergency Management Director Gary Denny and his family on the passing of his daughter last week.
2. The Commission also offered condolences for the family of Marilyn Decker who passed away last week. Marilyn was employed as an office professional in the Extension Council office for more than 22 years, May 1993 to August 2015.
3. Commissioner Westfall presented copies of some documents regarding the tax lid that he received after attending the REAP legislative committee meeting last week.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There were no items added to the calendar.

Minutes of the November 16 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, reported that the engineering plan that needed to be signed by Poe & Associates has been signed and forwarded to MKEC.
2. John reported that County Counselor, Administrative and Road & Bridge representatives and representatives from Van Keppel Construction Equipment and Volvo met last week regarding the performance and service issues with the Volvo maintainer/grader that was purchased last year. He reported that there have been a number of issues with the grader losing power and “throwing codes” since about August and that service technicians from Van Keppel and Volvo have fixed a few issues, but have not been able to resolve the power loss issue. Van Keppel agreed to provide a replacement grader if our machine needs to be taken to their shop after they attempt more repairs on-site. The replacement will stay on-site as a backup until March 1 even if our grader is returned prior to that date. If the issues cannot be resolved by March 1 then another meeting will be held to determine the future course of action. Van Keppel also offered to extend the warranty period for this piece of equipment from 5 years to ten years. John stated that the meeting was very positive with Van Keppel committed to getting the issues resolved.
3. John distributed copies of a report of the costs of quick dips and drops year to date from the Sheriff. The report shows the cost to the county of this program initiated by the State of Kansas of \$40,860.00 for the period of January 1 thru October 31, 2015.
4. John reported that the closing for the sale of the Oak St. building is scheduled for December 2. John and Counselor Nye will attend. Documents will need to be signed by the chair prior to the closing.

5. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, distributed copies of information concerning retail sales of cereal malt beverages in the unincorporated area of the county. He reported that he discovered that the fee charged for CMB licenses has been calculated incorrectly for a number of years. He stated that Wedgewood Public Golf owned by the City of Halstead has been the only licensee each year for a number of years. Their license is due to be renewed by February 1, 2016. He reported that KS statutes clearly state that a fee set by resolution of between \$25 and \$200 must be charged in addition to the \$25 CMB state stamp fee. Only the \$25 stamp has been charged. He provided copies of the resolution passed on April 27, 1937 setting the county CMB license fee at \$50 per license per year. Rick asked if the commission would like to keep the \$50 fee or pass a new resolution to revise the fee. The commissioners agreed to continue the county CMB license fee of \$50 set by resolution on April 27, 1937.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

A resolution requesting a waiver from GAAP reporting in the preparation of the Harvey County comprehensive financial statements and reports in accordance with KSA 75-1120a(c)(1) was presented for consideration. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, stated that this waiver needs to be revisited each calendar year and is the same as the resolution passed last year with the exception of the date changes. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution 2015-21** as presented. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

A resolution to authorize the transfer of funds from the Road and Bridge fund to the Special Highway Improvement fund was presented for consideration. Anthony stated that this resolution is done each year to allow the transfer of unused funds in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Road and Bridge budget for 2015 and is the same as the resolution passed last year with the exception of the date changes. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution 2015-22** as presented. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

A resolution designating the public holidays for 2016 was presented for consideration. Anthony stated that due to Christmas Day falling on a Monday, the extra day that had been designated for the last two years for the Christmas holiday has been removed and this sets the number of holidays back to the normal 10.5 days per year. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution 2015-23** as presented. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$210,221.82 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:02 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss privileged communication with attorney concerning threatened litigation. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 10:07 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 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

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member