

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 30, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 30, 2015 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Hague called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. There were no items added to the agenda.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Harvey County Extension Council Annual meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on December 7. All three commissioners are planning to attend.

Minutes of the November 23 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, presented the Warranty Deed for the Oak St. property for the chairman to sign.
2. John distributed copies of the memorandum of agreement from G.W. Van Keppel Company formalizing the discussion that was held on November 18 regarding the performance and service issues with the Volvo maintainer/grader that was purchased last year. The period of the warranty extension in the memo differs from what was discussed. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, will contact the company to revise the memo prior to signing.
3. John discussed an article about proposed drone regulations from The New York Times. The article reported on proposed regulations that were outlined in a report by the FAA. The FAA task force report recommends federal registration of drones weighing between half a pound and 55 pounds. The regulations are widely expected to be approved in a few weeks.
4. John reported that a copy of an annexation resolution for land at the airport that should be passed by the City of Newton is included in the commissioner's packets. The formal annexation request will be presented to the commission for approval at next week's meeting.
5. John presented copies of the KDHE Required Drawing Update Proposal from MKEC regarding the engineering and plans for the expansion of the C & D landfill on top of the closed MSW landfill. The proposal outlines the timeline and costs for the KDHE required "Certificate of Survey" for the project.
6. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, presented proposed revisions to the Harvey County Investment Policy to reflect updates made by the legislature to Statutes related to investments and to clean up some language. The proposed changes are shown in Section VII, B(1) and B(6). Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the policy changes as presented. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

7. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that his office was busy providing updates to affected departments during the ice storm and bad weather that occurred over the last 4 days. He reported there was not as much damage in Harvey County as there was in some of the surrounding counties.
8. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that his department prepared early last week for the forecasted weather events that took place Thursday thru Sunday. He reported that crews were out spreading salt/sand on Friday and as needed over the weekend. He reported that crews are still cleaning up downed limbs and diverting traffic away from low or down power lines.
9. Jim reported that R&B employee Dave West was one of the first responders to a fatality accident on S. East Lake Rd. south of K-96 on Friday. He was checking and working on the previously treated roads in the area when he happened upon the accident site soon after it occurred. The commissioners thanked Dave for going above and beyond his duty as a county employee to assist the victims.
10. Kass Miller, Parks Director, reported that there are a lot of limbs down at all three parks; he has crews working at cleaning them up. He reported that the power was off at West Park for about 3 hours over the weekend, but is back on now.
11. Anthony reported that sales tax collections are up slightly for the month compared to last year. He reported that year to date collections are up by about 4%.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$80,438.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony presented the proposed Request for Proposal (RFP) for the publication of legal notices. The responses are due Friday, December 11 by 4:00 p.m. and will be opened and read into the record during the commission meeting on Monday, December 14. The awarded contractor will be designated as the "Official County Newspaper" for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to publish and distribute the RFP as presented. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 8 minutes to discuss privileged communication with attorney. Commissioner Krehbiel 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 10:20 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 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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