

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 19, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 19, 2015 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Hague called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

There were no items added to the agenda.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Farm Bureau dinner is scheduled for October 20 at 6:15 p.m. in Elbing.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that an invitation was received from CD Custom Enterprises, 1800 SE 9th St., Newton to an open house event at their facility on Friday, October 23 at 10:30 a.m.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel will take part in a Regional Solid Waste Authority teleconference meeting on October 28.
4. A fundraising dinner for the Walton Fire Department will be held on November 7.

Minutes of the October 12 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, presented the annual KWORCC compliance checklist report. He stated that a walkthrough was conducted and there were a few deficiencies on the initial report which have been corrected. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the KWORCC compliance report and authorize the chairman to sign the report. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. John explained that the \$3,345.00 check to the Clerk of the District Court from last week was for court costs related to delinquent personal property tax cases which have been added to the individual tax bills.
3. John presented a Notice of Hearing from the Newton/North Newton Area Planning Commission for the public hearing regarding airport zoning amendments. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Newton City Commission chambers.
4. John presented a Notice of Hearing from the City of Halstead for the public hearing regarding a tax abatement request from Martin Machine & Welding. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. during the Halstead City Council meeting.
5. John reported that the commissioners are invited to a retirement reception for James Wiens, Solid Waste equipment operator, at noon on October 30 at the Transfer Station.
6. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented a request to purchase a plate compactor attachment for the Komatsu excavator. He reported that \$11,000 was included in the 2015 CIP budget for this purchase. He stated that Berry equipment found this lightly used compactor and allowed him to rent it prior to purchase. He

stated that it is an important part of every construction project done by his department and the unit is functioning well on current projects. The total cost including the rental is \$10,900.00. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to waive the purchasing policy and approve the purchase of the Montabert PCT 114 Plate Compactor from Berry Tractor for \$10,900.00. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

7. Jim also presented an agreement with BNSF to repair the railroad crossing on N. Hillside. There will be no cost to the County for this project. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the agreement with BNSF for project #4X-293901 and authorize the chairman to sign the report. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that his department is hosting an avian flu workshop on Wednesday, October 21. He stated that they will also be conducting a tabletop exercise for the City of Halstead and USD 440. Gary also reported that Harvey County is included in the red flag warning area for fire danger issued by the National Weather Service.
9. Byron Warta, EDC representative, distributed the EDC prospect report and reported on the status of some of the projects.
10. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported to the commission in their capacity as the Harvey County Board of Health that flu vaccinations have begun and programs are being conducted at AGCO and other companies in the county. She stated that the WIC program is still being offered in the City of Sedgwick and will begin soon in Halstead. She also reported that the school concession programs at Newton USD 373 and Burrton USD 369 paid by a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation are going well and that they will possibly add another school district to the program in May.
11. Kass Miller, Parks Director, reported that he attended a summit in Overland Park last week and that he will be attending continuing education classes soon. He also reported that he will be meeting 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.
12. Don Gruver, Communications Director, reported that the new towers for the 800 MHz radio system are up, but some electrical work still needs to be completed. He also introduced Nate Wright who was recently hired as a radio technician.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$54,792.80 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the use of ATV's in the Harvey County Parks. Counselor Greg Nye presented his research including recommendations by the Sheriff. Counselor Nye stated that Kansas statutes provide rules and regulations for the use of ATV's with violations resulting in citations for reckless driving. The Sheriff suggests commissioning the park rangers with limited authority allowing them to issue some citations. Commissioner Westfall suggested creating, by home rule, a list of park related violations with penalties. Kass asked if the rangers could take classes at KLETC to be certified

as law enforcement officers. The commissioners agreed that more research needs to be done and options and recommendations should be presented at a future meeting.

Anthony presented the 3rd Quarter, 2015 financial report for Harvey County. He reported that revenues and expenditures are on track year to date and in comparison to last year.

At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss confidential information concerning non-elected personnel. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Lynnette Redington, Counselor Greg Nye and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 11:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 15 minutes to continue discussing the confidential information concerning non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Lynnette Redington, Counselor Greg Nye and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 11:45 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was recessed at 11:50 a.m. to travel to Hesston and attend the meeting with KDOT Secretary Mike King.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.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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