

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**September 14, 2015**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 14, 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 asked about the status of the health insurance provider premium negotiations after receiving questions from county employees. John Waltner, Administrator, replied that a meeting with the consultants is scheduled for tomorrow.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that on Friday, September 11 the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Nominating Commission, which he is a member of, interviewed the ten applicants and selected two names for the governor to choose from. The two names submitted for appointment by the governor for 9<sup>th</sup> District Judge are Harold Schorn and Marilyn Wilder.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the Burrton Fall Festival parade will be held on Saturday, September 26 at 2:30 p.m. The commissioners are invited to participate.

Minutes of the August 31 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John reported that the new tower north of Newton for the 800 MHz radio system is currently being constructed and that the building was delivered and placed last Friday. He stated that as of this morning the tower is 170 feet tall and the final height will be 300 feet.
2. John stated that he and Anthony Swartzendruber and Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent took a tour last week of the county road and bridge projects for an update on their status. He stated that the work done on East 1<sup>st</sup> Street was done very well. He also reported that the improvements being done on SW 84<sup>th</sup> St. look good.
3. John invited the commissioners to attend the event being held tomorrow from 2-3 p.m. for employees. Ice cream and toppings and some healthy stuff will be served to celebrate the end of construction and the end of summer.
4. John presented a notice of the annual meeting scheduled for November 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita from KWORCC. The notice included a nomination form for a representative from the South Central District to serve on the KWORCC Board of Trustees. It also included a certification of voting delegate and alternate for the annual meeting. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to name Commissioner Ron Krehbiel as the voting delegate and County Clerk Rick Piepho as the alternate voting delegate at the KWORCC annual meeting and authorize the chair to sign the certification. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. John presented a letter from the Kansas Development Finance Authority (K DFA)

advising that pursuant to the “Beginning Farmer Program” they intend to issue its Agricultural Development Revenue Bond for Aaron M. Vogts for an estimated \$138,840.00 to finance the acquisition of 68.3 acres of agricultural land and improvements in Garden and Alta townships for the purpose of farming. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to have John send a letter of support to KDFA for the issuance of the bonds by the KDFA for the “Beginning Farmer Program” to Aaron M. Vogts. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

6. Sheriff T. Walton presented a letter requesting approval to purchase 5 Watch Guard in-car cameras to replace aging units. The 2015 budget included \$16,500 for the replacement of three in-car cameras; the other two units would be paid from forfeiture funds. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the purchase of the Watch Guard in-car cameras. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, presented a list of 16 recommended appointees to the Harvey County Food and Farm Council. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint the sixteen members listed. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  1. Marjean Harris representing the community at-large
  2. Greg Nickel representing the community at-large
  3. Carolyn McGinn representing farming
  4. Paula Sims representing farming
  5. Rich Hanley, from the Harvey County Department on Aging, representing senior citizens
  6. Tracie Strain, from Newton Recreation Commission, representing community and faith-based organizations
  7. Jennifer Rose, from Peace Connections and Circles of Hope, representing organizations serving at-risk populations
  8. A representative from Salvation Army representing organizations serving at-risk populations
  9. Paula Miller, dietician, representing health professionals
  10. Margaret Goering, from the Farm Bureau, representing agricultural organizations
  11. A representative from one of the five school districts representing schools and institutions
  12. Carol Sue Staybrook Hobbs, from Prairie Harvest, representing food retail
  13. Sharon Entz, owner of Crust & Crumb Co., representing food retail
  14. Norm Oeding, a member of the Harvey County Farmers Market, representing food retail
  15. Susan Jackson, Food & Consumer Science Agent, representing Kansas State Research and Extension
  16. Lorrie Kessler, from Harvey County Health Department, representing the local health department
8. Lynnette Redington also reported the electronic health records system is scheduled to go live on October 2.
9. Brian Palmer, Newton City/County Airport Manager reported that he met with FAA representatives recently; funding may be available from the FAA to fix the crack in the crosswind runway. He distributed invitations to the commissioners to the annual Fly-in banquet scheduled for October 3. The guest speaker for the banquet that evening will be

- Sam Graves, U.S. Representative for Missouri's 6th congressional district.
10. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, reported that work by the contractors continues on the final punch list of issues to address. He is hopeful that the work should be completed in about 2 weeks.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$111,238.52 and the warrant checks from last week in the amount of \$93,165.44 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 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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