

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 1, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 1, 2016 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall 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 canvass of the August 2 Primary Election is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on August 8 prior to the commission meeting. Also on August 8, the Fair Board will be providing lunch for the commissioners at noon at the Fairgrounds.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel is scheduled to attend the Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections meeting on August 17 in Judge Dickinson's chambers.
3. Commissioner Westfall is scheduled to attend the Active Shooter meeting on August 3 at 8:30 a.m. at the USD 373 Administration Building.
4. The LEPC meeting is being moved from August 10 to August 31 at 9:00 a.m.
5. Administration will host an ice cream social in the community room on Wednesday, August 10 from 2-4 p.m.
6. The City-County meeting that is scheduled for September 15 might need to be moved to the 22nd. John will talk to the City of Newton to see if that would be possible, pending any agenda items.

Minutes of the July 25 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, presented a report regarding retail sales in Kansas. CEDBR, at Wichita State University, conducted a retail sales analysis for every county in Kansas, comparing the retail sales and employment in each county to their peer counties in Kansas. Harvey County sales ratio to peers is 78.9%. John said it suggested gaps in retail in Harvey County. John will get more detail from Jeremy Hill, director of CEDBR, and will keep the commissioners apprised.
2. John presented the 2015 Real and Personal Property Value and Tax Summary information from Craig Clough that was requested by the commissioners. Ag Land was 7.12% of the total Harvey County valuation. The commissioners would like more information on the Not for Profit category.
3. John stated that after last week's presentation by SCKEDD, he assumes the county will continue our membership with SCKEDD. He anticipates paying our membership dues unless otherwise directed. John emailed KHRC and ECAN with numerous questions, but has not received any answers yet. He will continue to pursue it. If necessary, we may need to go to the federal level. Harvey County needs to appoint another member to the SCKEDD Board, in addition to Jaci Reimer.
4. Commissioner Westfall received a letter from 4th District US Representative Mike Pompeo in response to the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) which

- affects the local and state SHICK program. The House passed legislation which supports the SHIP program with a fiscal year 2016 budget of \$52.1 million. Representative Pompeo said he would keep our concerns in mind.
5. Commissioner Hague noted that the closure on Oliver Road started today. The recommended detour is to follow Spencer to 12th St. and then east on 12th to Oliver Road.
 6. Commissioner Hague noticed an error in The Newton Kansan. It was stated that the mill levy for the county will be 41.3, but should have said that the amount of 2016 Ad Valorem tax is \$12,083,453. The mill levy could change slightly. The final mill levy numbers will be out in November.
 7. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, stated that Ex-Cat has poured footings for two walls of the new bathroom facility at West Park and was hoping to finish pouring today. The beams should be going up in the next couple of weeks. Kass also noted "Movie Night" is this next weekend and there will be star gazing at East Park the following weekend during the Perseid Meteor shower.
 8. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that the third active shooter focus group meeting is scheduled for August 3. This is the output phase. They will be sharing policies and procedures developed over the last few months. Gary also stated that a security fence will be put up enclosing the generator and the Westar transformer. There will be two gates; one for Westar and one for Harvey County. The fence will be put up following Road & Bridge's help removing the shrubbery.
 9. Byron Warta, EDC representative, and John Waltner stated that Russ Buller, Fire & Ambulance Director in Hesston, has been talking to AGCO about constructing a 2-story fire training facility out of shipping containers. EDC is in support of the project. One of the objectives is to have a training facility close to Hesston.
 10. Counselor Greg Nye reported that he is proceeding with a new 2016 tax foreclosure.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$110,134.30 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

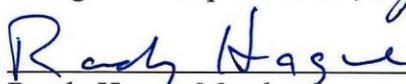
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ATTEST:


Rick Piepho, County Clerk


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson


Randy Hague, Member


Ron Krehbiel, Member