

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

**August 8, 2016**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 8, 2016 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he was contacted by Little Arkansas River Drainage District board member, Phil Schmitt who reported that their planned removal of debris under the bridge near West Park on NW 36<sup>th</sup> St. has been delayed due to equipment issues.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that he attended the Active Shooter focus group meeting last week.
3. Commissioner Westfall thanked all of the candidates in the Primary Election.
4. Commissioner Westfall stated that Harvey County Free Fair is currently in progress and going well with good crowds at events.
5. Commissioner Hague reported that he was contacted by Dwight Claassen who wanted to express thanks to the commission for their part in approving and funding the drainage detention project near the airport.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The commissioners asked about the status of moving the joint City-County meeting that is scheduled for September 15 to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioner Westfall stated that he will not be available on September 15. John Waltner, Administrator, stated that he has not yet discussed it with the City of Newton to see if that would be possible.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that the REAP meeting scheduled for August 11 has been cancelled.

Minutes of the August 1 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John reported that USD 373 and EMPAC are sponsoring a Threat Assessment seminar at Prairie View on October 28 conducted by threat assessment expert Russell Palarea.
2. John reminded the commissioners of the ice cream social to be held on Wednesday, August 10 from 2-4 p.m. in the community room.
3. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, stated that Ex-Cat has poured all of the footings for the new bathroom facility at West. The walls should be going up on Friday.
4. John reported that he sent a request to ECKAN for information regarding their weatherization services in Harvey County. They responded that the request was received and they will prepare and send the information requested.
5. John reported that RSVP learned that an additional \$3,500 is available in grant funding. They will apply for the additional funding to offset the costs of training a new Elderly Services Director.
6. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, stated that road striping work is scheduled

to be completed in September. He requested permission to contract the 33 miles of road striping with the same contractor that was used for the work last year. He has contacted the vendor and they stated that the pricing would stay the same as last year.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to waive the purchasing policy and authorize contracting the striping work to the same vendor as last year. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

7. Jim distributed copies of the press release that was sent to the media to inform the public of the schedule for the hot in place recycle project (HIPR). The HIPR road resurfacing work is scheduled to start on Monday, August 22 beginning from SE 36<sup>th</sup> St, on S Halstead Rd. and going south to the Sedgwick County line. After that section is completed the contractor will begin work on W Dutch Ave. between N Woodberry Rd. and N River Park Rd., W Dutch Ave. from Hoover Rd. to K-15 and Ridge Rd. from US-50 to NW 12<sup>th</sup> St. At all locations traffic will be limited to one lane and controlled by flaggers and a pilot car.
8. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that the next active shooter focus group meeting is scheduled for September 7. Gary also stated that public assistance for the May rain events will not be available, the State of Kansas did not meet the FEMA threshold so the request was denied by FEMA.
9. Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, presented the Regional Solid Waste Plan for approval with no changes. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the Central Kansas Regional Solid Waste Authority Plan as it currently exists. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
10. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, presented an ENERGY STAR® Application for Certification. The application certifies the Harvey County Courthouse with an ENERGY STAR® score of 98 meaning that only 2% of similar facilities have a higher rating for energy efficiency. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to proceed with the application and authorize the chair to sign the document. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$1,854,693.36 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss confidential matters concerning possible threatened litigation. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, Rick Piepho and Sandcreek Watershed representatives Bill Hamm, Emil Schmidt and Tom Cowan. At 10:22 a.m. the Sandcreek Watershed representatives left the session. Executive session ended at 10:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

The 2017 Harvey County Budget Hearing was opened at 10:30 a.m. The budget hearing was closed at 10:35 a.m. with no public comment.

The commissioners held a discussion about taxes while waiting for the 11:00 a.m. bid opening.

Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, and MKEC representatives Keith Ayotte and Karl Svaty presented bid documents & specifications for the replacement of bridge Q-16.9 on Dutch Ave. just east of Hesston. Two bids were submitted for the project prior to the deadline; one from King Construction and the other from Bridges, Inc. Commissioner Westfall thanked the two Harvey County based businesses for their bid submittals. The two bids were opened and read by Keith. Bridges, Inc. submitted a bid for \$997,187.50 utilizing the alternate specification for the use of concrete beams. King Construction submitted a bid for \$1,352,909.00 utilizing the base specification for the use of steel beams. A discussion was held regarding both bids being higher than anticipated. The engineers had stated previously that the cost of this bridge, utilizing the GRS-IBS construction technique, would be considerably cheaper than a conventional bridge structure. Staff and the engineers were instructed to review the bids and make recommendations at a future meeting for final action. A representative from each company was present for the bid opening; Travis Rhoades, King Construction & Jordan Twogood, Bridges, Inc.

The meeting was recessed at 11:15 a.m. for lunch with the Fair Board at the Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

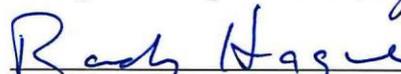
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Ron Krehbiel, Member