

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

**August 15, 2016**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 15, 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 all three commissioners participated in the Halstead Old Settlers Parade on Saturday. He reported that there was a very good turnout of spectators and parade participants for the event.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The Chamber Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday, September 8 at 6 p.m. at the Meridian Center. Commissioner Westfall will be unable to attend. Reservations will be made for Commissioners Hague and Krehbiel and their spouses.
2. The Airport tenant appreciation and fly-in kickoff lunch will be held September 29 at 11:00 a.m. at the Airport.

Minutes of the August 8 Canvass of the August 2 Primary Election were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes of the August 8 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner, Administrator, reported that the additional substance abuse baseline training sessions, conducted by Mirror, Inc., that the commission helped fund, are scheduled for early September. He asked that the commissioners encourage other community leaders, entities, businesses and citizens to attend to become more aware of substance abuse issues.
2. John presented the response from ECKAN regarding their weatherization services in Harvey County. The commission directed John to request more detailed information and to schedule an in-person meeting with a representative from ECKAN.
3. John stated that the next Central Plains Quad-County Planning Forum will be hosted by Sedgwick County and is scheduled for September 12 at the Child Advocacy Center.
4. John reminded the commissioners that Prairie View and EMPAC are sponsoring a Threat Assessment seminar at Prairie View on October 28 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
5. John informed the commission that an immigrant family from the Congo will be relocating to Hesston. They should arrive this week. The family has been fully vetted by numerous agencies.
6. Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, presented a fiscal year 2016 year end outcomes report. She gave an overview of the statistics and accomplishments for the year. She stated that they met or exceeded all of the targeted goals for the year. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the 2016 Year-end Outcomes report and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

7. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that the building is up for the new bathroom facility at West Park. Last Friday & Saturday a crane was used to erect the walls and place the roof. Park's staff will complete the rest of the work required prior to opening for use.
8. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, requested permission to pursue a \$15,000 grant that is available from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to offset costs of accreditation preparation. She reported that the application is due on August 31 for this grant which she just recently learned about. This grant does not require any matching funds. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to proceed with applying for this \$15,000 NACCHO grant pending review by staff and counsel. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
9. Don Gruver, Communications Director, reported that the used vehicle to replace the current mobile communications vehicle may no longer be available for purchase. The commission previously approved the purchase of a used 2009 Fouts Bros. Diesel Rescue Truck from Reno Township Fire Department in rural Leavenworth County Kansas for \$30,000. Don reported that he attended the township meeting to purchase the vehicle, but the township officials are unsure if they want to sell the vehicle.
10. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that he attended an emergency medical association awards event over the weekend. He reported that a number of Harvey County agencies received awards.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$72,420.10 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss confidential matters with legal counsel. 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. At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss confidential matters with legal counsel with the same attendees present. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 10:20 a.m. with no action being taken.

The 2017 Harvey County Budget was presented for adoption. The budgeted expenses are \$24,577,428 with ad valorem tax revenue of \$12,083,453. Commissioner Hague made a motion to adopt the 2017 Harvey County Budget. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The budget vote will be published per statutory requirement with a mill levy increase. The commissioners and John thanked Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, for preparing useful and accurate reports, documents and information to assist the commission, department heads and elected officials in preparing the budget.

Don Gruver, Communications Director, presented the submitted proposals from the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a VHF Paging Repeater. He reported that this RFP is for the replacement of the

repeater at Zimmerdale which is part of the VHF backup radio system. The RFP also includes an option to remove the other repeaters throughout the county that are no longer being used. He stated that funds are available in the budget for this request. The RFP was sent to three vendors, but only one vendor responded. The one proposal submitted was opened and read. Mobile Service Radio from Great Bend proposed a cost of \$16,242.81 to replace the VHF repeater and \$17,955.00 to remove the old repeaters. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the proposal, subject to review by staff, from Mobile Service Radio for the VHF Paging Repeater replacement and removal for a total cost of \$34,197.81. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Don presented the submitted proposal from the Request for Proposal (RFP) for replacement of the Dispatch Center HVAC system. He reported that this RFP is for the replacement of the Dispatch Center HVAC system. The RFP was sent to four vendors, but only one vendor responded. The one proposal submitted was opened and read. P1 Group from Wichita proposed a cost of \$73,980.00 to replace the Dispatch Center HVAC system. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the proposal from P1 Group for the Dispatch Center HVAC system and directed staff to review the proposal and report recommendations at a future meeting. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Bridges, Inc. representatives Stan Scudder & Travis Rhoades presented an alternative design for the abutments for the bridge replacement project for bridge Q-16.9 on Dutch Ave. just east of Hesston. Stan stated that the current design utilizing the GRS-IBS construction technique is more costly due to fill material availability and transportation costs. He stated that the proposed alternative design should reduce the costs by about \$200,000 from their bid price of \$997,187.50. Stan stated that the project could be completed in the same time frame as the original design. The new design would still use pre-stressed concrete beams, but would need to have final engineering plans created by MKEC. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, and MKEC representative Karl Svaty were present and joined the discussion. Staff, engineers and the contractor were instructed to review the design changes and negotiate contract revisions and make recommendations at a future meeting for final action.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

After a brief discussion following the meeting it was determined that a special meeting needed to be called, prior to the commissioners leaving, to discuss threatened litigation with counsel. One member of the press was still present. All three commissioners agreed to call a special session.

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in special session on August 15, 2016 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

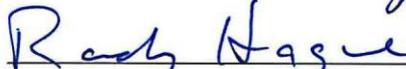
At 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss confidential matters concerning possible threatened litigation. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, Rick Piepho and Gina Bell. Executive session ended at 11:50 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

  
Randy Hague, Member

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:

  
Rick Piepho, County Clerk