

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 29, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 29, 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 noticed a lot of debris in the waterway against the bridge that is ¼ N of NE 60th on Sandhill Rd. He wanted the Road & Bridge department to be aware of the situation and resolve it before it gets worse.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the Burrton Fall Fest parade is scheduled for September 24 at 2:30 p.m. The commissioners have been invited to participate in the parade.
3. Commissioner Westfall stated that a few residents have contacted him to compliment the county and the Register of Deeds office for offering convenient and courteous passport services.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that he will be unable to attend the Chamber breakfast on September 16 and asked if one of the other commissioners would like to attend in his place. Commissioner Hague is considering attending.

Minutes of the August 22 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, offered a few possible dates to consider for scheduling the employee picnic. He suggested either Sunday, Sept. 18 at Camp Hawk or Sunday, Sept. 25 at East Park. Commissioner Westfall will not be able to attend on Sept. 18. The commissioners would like to hold the event at Camp Hawk this year, but it is not available on either Sept. 24 or 25. They asked administration to check the availability of Camp Hawk on Oct. 1 or 2. If Camp Hawk is not available on Oct.1 or 2 then the commissioners agreed that the event should be scheduled for Sept. 25 at East Park.
2. John distributed copies of a letter from the officers of Alta Township accepting the offer by the county to provide and deliver 125 tons of 1 ½” rock to their yard in lieu of payment of an invoice from the township. John reported that the Road & Bridge department delivered 125.17 tons of the road material last week.
3. John reported that a Kansas Farm Bureau Governor’s Tour event is scheduled for Monday, September 12 at noon at the United Methodist Church, 8th & Main in Newton.
4. John reported that the opening for the position of Director of Department of Aging & Transportation will be posted on the HRePartners website today through September 9.
5. John reported that a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 4 at noon for the Commissioners, Sheriff, County Attorney and District Court Judge to discuss juvenile detention costs and procedures. John stated that a total of \$51,000 has been spent so far this year on juvenile detention with over half of the total attributed to two individuals.

6. John presented copies of the Safety Consultation Report prepared by the Kansas Department of Labor Division of Industrial Safety and Health from their June 22, 2016 site inspection. The report shows various hazards at multiple county facilities; all of the required corrective actions have been completed since the inspection.
7. Scott Eckert, Extension Council Agent, announced that Glenda Prieba was nominated for and has been selected to receive the Local Unit Office Professional of the Year Award. The award will be presented during the K-State Research and Extension Annual Conference Awards Lunch on October 27. Scott stated that Glenda has been an Office Professional in the Harvey County Extension office since 1977. The commission congratulated Glenda and thanked her for her continued service to the residents of Harvey County.
8. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that the LEPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31 at 9:00 a.m. He also reported that Harvey County will conduct multiple presentations about the February active shooter events in Harvey County at the Emergency Management conference on September 16th. Gary also stated that the next active shooter focus group meeting is scheduled for September 7.
9. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported that members of the Harvey County Food & Farm Council will attend the Kansas Farm Bureau Governor's Tour event on Monday, September 12. She also reported that some of the supplies of flu vaccines are in and they have begun scheduling vaccination sites and clinics.
10. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that the albino catfish was caught and released. The fisherman who caught the albino catfish at East Park was awarded a season pass.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$97,367.90 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Skip Cowan, Wellness Team representative, presented the proposed point distribution schedule for the 2017 Healthy Harvey Rewards Program for the period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. He stated that the wellness team which is represented by 69% of the departments in the county is proposing this schedule with some changes from last year. He reported that some activities have been consolidated and some activities will be assigned a higher point value and some are being assigned a lower point value. Skip reported that the wellness team determined that the point distribution schedule needed to more balanced between points awarded for physical activities versus prevention activities such as exams and programs. 100 points will still be required for employees to receive a discount on their insurance premiums in 2018. He stated that the goal of the program is to promote overall healthy behavior by employees. Employees wishing to participate in the discount program will be required to complete and submit a points verification form which will be reviewed and certified by a third party. Commissioner Westfall suggested a change to allow points for any qualified financial management class instead of the one specific class listed. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the Healthy Harvey Rewards Discount Plan for the 2017 program year as presented with the one change suggested by Commissioner Westfall pending contract renewal with the current health insurance provider. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss confidential matters with legal counsel. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 10:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented the proposed invitation to bidders for a new 1 ton Ford F450 Flatbed Truck for the Road & Bridge Department. The purchase of this truck is included in the 2016 CIP budget for Road & Bridge. The invitation includes the trade-in of a 2004 Ford F550 Flatbed truck. The invitation to bid will be sent to five area vendors and will be posted on the county website. Bids are due by 4:00 p.m. on September 16 and will be opened at 10:15 a.m. on September 19. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve and send the invitation to bid for a new 1 ton Ford F450 Flatbed Truck. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Rick Piepho
Rick Piepho, County Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

Randy Hague
Randy Hague, Member

Ron Krehbiel
Ron Krehbiel, Member