

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 5, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on December 5, 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 stated that a discussion needs to be held regarding county road maintenance versus township road maintenance.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that he was informed that Robert McNeill has served on the Newton Township Board for over 20 years. He did not run for re-election this year and will be replaced by the newly elected board member in January. Commissioner Westfall suggested that Robert should be invited to the annual township dinner in February where his years of service can be acknowledged.
3. Commissioner Westfall asked that the Quad County meeting scheduled for next Monday be moved from the YMCA to the Law Enforcement Center where Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, can give a presentation regarding the Newton and Hesston active shooter incident that occurred in February.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall was invited to attend the Walton Fire District #1 board meeting on December 6.

Minutes of the November 28 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, presented copies of the 2017 Harvey-Marion County CDDO Board of Directors meeting schedule. He also stated that he received a copy of the CDDO audit which showed no significant issues.
2. John distributed a copy of an article from the Hutchinson News regarding negative reports about the operation and usage of funds by Planet-Aid, the non-profit organization that has placed a number of used clothing collection boxes throughout the county including the one on the south side of the courthouse.
3. John reported that REAP is planning an event on December 20 to recognize Brad Dillon who did not run for re-election so he will leave his seat on the Reno County Commission in early January and will no longer be a REAP member.
4. John reported that Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, Steve Frank, MKEC Engineer, and he are scheduled to travel to Topeka on Thursday, December 8 to meet with the new KDHE Solid Waste representative regarding current landfill projects and the pending vertical expansion permit.
5. John encouraged everyone to participate in the Community Health Needs Assessment survey which is being conducted to identify health issues across the county. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCCCHA> from Nov. 14 - Dec. 18.
6. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, requested approval to apply for a

- \$10,000 AMA Foundation Healthy Living Grant for Prescription Medication Safety Health Education Projects. The program will be administered by Mirror, Inc., but it requires partnership with a medical organization with no matching funds requirement. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize the grant application. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Lynette presented copies of a letter she received from Newton Medical Center expressing gratitude and appreciation for the Harvey County Health Department for their contributions to local citizen's overall health and the working relationship with the hospital. The letter is signed by all of the management staff at Newton Medical Center.
 8. John stated that the agenda included consideration of the sale of surplus property, but that resolution has not been completed and will be presented next week.
 9. Brian Palmer, Newton City/County Airport Manager, presented an Assignment of Agreement for consideration. The agreement changes the named Lessee from Exelis, Inc. to Harris Corporation on the ground lease agreement to manage the ADS-B equipment. In May 2015 Harris Corporation acquired Exelis Inc. who was the contractor used by the FAA to manage all of its Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast (ADS-B) equipment. None of the other lease terms or conditions are being amended. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the Assignment of Agreement as presented and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 10. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, stated that the next active shooter focus group meeting is scheduled for December 7.
 11. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, reported that the 2016 audit is scheduled for early in February 2017. He also stated that the kickoff meeting was held with all department heads and CIC last week to set the schedule to install and implement the new tax and finance software system. The finance portion will begin installation in early March 2017.
 12. The commissioners expressed condolences to Counselor Greg Nye and his family for the passing over the weekend of Greg's father Arnold Nye.
 13. Rick Piepho, County Clerk & Election Officer, presented the certification of the verification of the petition protesting the passage of Resolution 2016-13 authorizing the sale of Camp Hawk. He stated that 437 signatures were verified which is more than the minimum requirement of 422 signatures which will require an election of the citizens of Harvey County to approve the passage of the resolution. The commissioners were in agreement that a special election should not be called. KSA 19-211 states that if a special election is not called then the question will be placed on the ballot of the next General Election which is scheduled on November 7, 2017.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Harvey County residents Brandon Nelson, Jeremy Kindy, Dan Harms and Terry Harms were in attendance to hear the results of the Camp Hawk protest petition verification. Jeremy Kindy addressed the commission and distributed copies of a letter stating reasons why the commission should consider abandoning the resolution to sell Camp Hawk. Brandon Nelson also addressed the commission and distributed copies of a letter stating reasons he believes it is the will of the people to keep Camp Hawk and suggested that the commission consider abandoning the resolution to sell Camp Hawk. A discussion was held.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$417,492.94 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel stated that he was contacted by an auctioneer who is requesting permission to conduct a land auction for a property within 2 miles of West Park at a building he will rent at the park for that purpose. The commissioners agreed to allow an exception to the commercial use rules for park buildings for this auction.

Anthony presented the proposed Request for Proposal (RFP) for the publication of legal notices. The responses are due Friday, December 16 by 4:00 p.m. and will be opened and read into the record during the commission meeting on Monday, December 19. The awarded contractor will be designated as the "Official County Newspaper" for the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to publish and distribute the RFP as presented. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony presented three proposed Invitation to Bidders, with attached requirements, for the purchase of 4 new 2017 Ford Police Interceptor SUV AWD, 2 new 2017 Ford Police Interceptor SUV AWD and 1 new 2016-2017 Dodge or Chrysler seven passenger compact van for the Sheriff department. This purchase is included in the 2017 CIP budget. The bids are due at 4:00 p.m. on January 6, 2017 to be opened in public on January 9, 2017. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve and distribute the three Invitation to Bidders. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

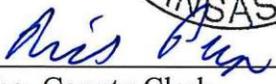
The meeting was recessed at 10:50 a.m. to attend the annual employee Christmas dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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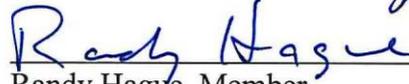
ATTEST:



Rick Piepho, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member



Ron Krehbiel, Member