

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 8, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 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 Westfall reported that he attended a REAP meeting last week where he learned that a new website has been set up by WSU for REAP members to explore and research available grants. He also reported that he attended the Harvey County Regional Planning Commission meeting last week.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel attended the Prairie View Advisory Committee meeting last Thursday. He reported that the meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of every other month; February, April, June, etc.
2. Commissioner Hague is scheduled to attend the Harvey County Council of Governments meeting on Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 a.m. at the Breadbasket. The superintendents of the school districts in Harvey County have been invited to attend.
3. A joint meeting with Workforce Areas 1 and 4 has been scheduled for February 12 at 11:30 a.m.
4. A retirement reception will be held for Extension Council Agent, Susan Jackson from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on February 26 in the Courthouse Community Room.
5. The REAP South Central Kansas Legislative luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, reminded the commission that the 143rd Annual Harvey County Township Meeting will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Road & Bridge shop.
2. John presented copies of Kansas Population Projections, 2014-2064 summary of key findings that was prepared by the WSU Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR). He stated that the total population in Harvey County is projected to decrease slightly over the next 50 years, but that a significant increase is projected for the percentage of the population that is over 65 years old.
3. John presented copies of a letter from the Johnson & Wyandotte Counties Council of Mayors opposing the tax lid and an update on the status of the legislation from the lobbyist for the Harvey County Council of Governments. The commission requested a resolution be drafted to formally oppose the tax lid. Commissioner Westfall asked for more information about who prepared and paid for the poll that Kansas House Speaker Merrick referenced when he stated that "80 percent of the people want a property tax lid".

4. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, presented the proposed Invitation to Bidders 16-005 for one new 2015 or 2016 compact track loader. Kass explained that this piece of equipment is similar to a skid loader except that it has permanent tracks instead of wheels. He stated the minimum specifications are listed in the request and that this purchase is included in the Parks budget for this year. The bids will be due at 4:00 p.m. on March 4, 2016 to be opened in public on Monday, March 7 during the commission meeting. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve and issue the Invitation to Bidders 16-005. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Kass distributed copies of the proposed contract with Mainprize Industries, LLC (Conquer the Gauntlet or CTG) for an obstacle course event to be held at East Park on April 16, 2016. Kass reported that CTG will pay a flat fee of \$3,000 for this year. He also stated that CTG will provide all of the vendors and will pay a \$1,000 cleaning and damage deposit which will be refunded when parks staff is satisfied that the site has been cleaned up properly after the event. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the contract with CTG pending final review by counsel and to authorize the chairman to sign the contract. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. John presented the second reading of a recommendation for appointment to the Harvey County Parks Advisory Board for Bill Kiehl. He reported that Bill volunteered for this new appointment after being encouraged to apply by board member Larry Schmitt. Commissioner Hague made a motion to appoint Bill Kiehl to the Harvey County Parks Advisory Board for the term February 8, 2016 to February 7, 2019 and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. John presented a recommendation of appointment to the Harvey County Public Building Commission (PBC) for Gary Roth to fill the position previously held by Gene Wendling. Commissioner Hague made a motion to waive the second reading and approve the appointment of Gary Roth to the PBC for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting and workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the EOC/training room in the basement of the LEC. He also reported that a needs assessment meeting will be held February 17th with all municipalities in the county.
9. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, reported that the auditors are here this week. He also reported that he is preparing a bid proposal for supplying natural gas to the county.
10. Anthony reported on some of the legislative activity that would affect county governance. He reported that HB 2609 has been introduced by the KAC as a workable tax lid fix; this bill proposes changes to make the tax lid similar to the one in place in the 1990's and base the lid on the municipal price index instead of the consumer price index and would not take effect until January 1, 2018. He also reported that SB 368 has been introduced which would prevent tax dollars from being used by local governments to produce or provide information regarding any ballot questions to potential voters.

11. Anthony reported that he was informed that Motorola will be covering the cost of the repairs to the 800 MHz equipment that was damaged by ice.
12. Byron Warta distributed a report of EDC activity. He stated that a few prospects have been removed due to lack of availability of a site large enough to fit their needs. He reported that a couple of projects should be making public announcements soon.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$535,024.81 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss proprietary information regarding economic development and privileged communication with legal counsel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Jim Meier, Counselor Greg Nye and Rick Piepho. At 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to continue the discussion. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. At 10:39 a.m. Jim Meier left the session. Executive session ended at 10:45 a.m. with no action being taken.

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

At 7:10 p.m. Chairman Westfall reconvened the meeting with all three commissioners present at the Annual Township Meeting.

Chairman Westfall welcomed everyone to the event and asked for all of the township officials and county staff to introduce themselves to the rest of the group. Each of the commissioners gave a brief presentation, followed by presentations by county staff.

John Waltner expressed condolences for the passing of Pleasant Township Treasurer, Bruce Hoffer over the weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

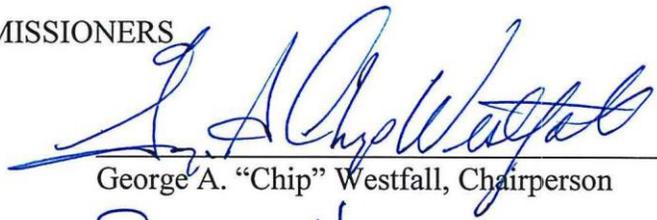
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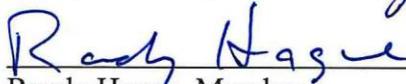
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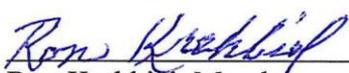
Rick Piepho, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member



Ron Krehbiel, Member