

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 16, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 16, 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 was informed after the Annual Township meeting last Monday evening that Macon Township employee Ray Stockebrand suffered a stroke that night and passed away.
2. Commissioner Westfall stated that lobbyist Bernie Koch will be the featured speaker at the Chamber breakfast at the Meridian Center on Friday, February 19 at 7 a.m.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel thanked the local legislators for their quick response to his inquiry over the weekend about KPERS issues.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall will attend the Emergency Management training regarding security in schools at 9 a.m. on Wednesday at the McKinley Administration Center.

Minutes of the February 8 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, reported that he was contacted by City of Newton Administrator, Randy Riggs regarding a request by the Newton City Commission to regularly schedule joint meetings with the County Commission. Currently joint meetings are scheduled as needed. The commissioners agreed that joint meetings should be scheduled quarterly.
2. John reported that he received an email from Terry Jacobs requesting more information about the tax lid legislation and how it would affect townships. Terry was in attendance and volunteered to help distribute information to all of the township officers to help educate their residents. Some information was provided to Terry and more will be sent as it becomes available. The commissioners informed Terry that the budget constraints associated with this legislation may cause some road resurfacing and bridge replacement projects to be delayed or cancelled. Commissioner Hague expressed his concern that rural residents will be the most affected by this legislation.
3. John reported that an announcement was made this morning at the Farm Bureau breakfast that a meeting will be held this Wednesday evening in Hesston to discuss the Dutch Avenue bridge replacement project.
4. John informed the commissioners that they may be able to discuss the tax lid with local realtors at the next Realtor Association meeting which is scheduled for March 18 at noon at Cornerstone Law.
5. John presented a proposed resolution calling for legislative repeal of the tax lid. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution 2016-5** calling for legislative repeal of the tax lid described in Kansas House bill 2109. Commissioner

- Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Copies of the resolution will be sent to the local legislators and Kansas Senate and House leadership.
6. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that the bidding closed last week at \$1,475.00 for the Purple Wave auction of the components from the old generator trailer. He also reported that a severe weather workshop will be conducted on March 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Lindley Hall. March 14 - 18 is severe weather awareness week.
 7. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported that KDHE budgets for next year are being prepared. She also stated that a WorkWell Kansas meeting will be held this Friday, February 19. She stated that the Farm & Food Council is conducting a survey of producers and users regarding their food supply sources.
 8. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that the barn at East Park is down and some of the wood has been reclaimed for later use. He stated that he met with representatives of the local R/C club regarding a seaplane fly-in event to be held on July 23 at East Park. They also discussed the possibility of creating an R/C vehicle track at the park.
 9. Kass reported that Mainprize Industries, LLC (Conquer the Gauntlet or CTG) has already paid the \$3,000 fee and the \$1,000 deposit for the obstacle course event to be held at East Park on April 16, 2016.
 10. Don Gruver, Communications Director, reported that the new 800 MHz equipment to replace the equipment damaged by falling ice arrived yesterday. He stated that the ice shields were also delivered and that Hayden Tower will begin replacing the equipment and installing the shields soon. He stated that Motorola should turn the 800 MHz system over to the county by the end of March.
 11. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, reported that the auditors finished their in-house work last Thursday. He distributed the 2017 budget timeline. He stated that the CIP kick-off meeting will be held with department heads tomorrow morning and that the departmental budget hearings with the commission are scheduled for May 23 thru June 20.
 12. Counselor Greg Nye stated that due to the recent court ruling a tax foreclosure sale can be scheduled in the near future for the Halstead Hospital properties owned by AZP Realty, LLC. He suggested setting a date in April or May and that an auctioneer be selected soon so that they may begin advertising the sale of the properties. Commissioner Krehbiel suggested that all of the local auctioneers be offered the opportunity to provide proposals for the sale.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$96,162.40 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Management Director Gary Denny, Health Department representative Skip Cowan, and Coroner Ron Morford presented the Mass Fatality Plan. They reported that all three departments worked together to prepare the plan that was completed by Skip using a template provided by the State of Kansas. They reported that the plan outlines procedures that would be implemented for an event in excess of 10 fatalities. The plan will be distributed to the appropriate departments and a digital copy will be posted on the website.

Anthony presented proposed revisions to the Harvey County Personnel Manual. He explained the nine total proposed revisions including defining spouse in accordance with recent court rulings and the new section for ID badges and electronic access cards. The other revisions are being made to clarify and correct existing policies. Commissioner Hague made a motion to accept the revisions to the Harvey County Personnel Manual as presented. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 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

Absent
Ron Krehbiel, Member