

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 5, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 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 reported that there are still a lot of roads flooded in Alta Township and the western part of the county.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The 4H picnic is scheduled for July 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Athletic Park.

Minutes of the June 27 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 a draft of a letter from the commission to 4th District US Representative Mike Pompeo voicing their concerns about the elimination of funding for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) program which would affect the local and state SHICK program. The commissioners suggested adding facts and figures of how many residents are assisted by this program.
2. John presented a copy of a letter that was sent to Rod Nicholson thanking him for the donation from the RM Rhoades Foundation toward the construction of the new bathroom facility at West Park which will be a benefit to all residents of Harvey County who visit the county park.
3. John reported that a \$5,896.28 invoice for SCKEDD dues has been received. He is working on scheduling a representative from SCKEDD to explain the details or advantages of county membership to the commission prior to paying the invoice.
4. John presented copies of a Memorandum of Agreement for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) grant that has been approved for \$13,458 for City and County Law Enforcement for the purchase of tablet computers.
5. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that there was a lot of rainfall throughout the county over the holiday weekend. He reported that road flooding was widespread and passed around photos of the areas affected. He also reported that on Saturday the power was out at the courthouse for about 20 hours and that the new generator performed well providing power for essential operations.
6. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that over 5" of rain fell in Hesston over the weekend. He stated that the roads were barricaded at multiple sites throughout the county due to flooding.
7. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that West Park was closed and evacuated Sunday evening and is still closed due to flooding.
8. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, reported that sales tax collections are up for the month and the 2nd quarter compared to last year.
9. Gary reported that a preliminary damage assessment meeting will be held on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. for public assistance from KDEM for the rain and flooding event in May. He also presented a notification from KDEM reporting that FEMA has denied the appeal to add Harvey County to the FMAG grant for the wildfires earlier this year; it is

a final decision and cannot be appealed further.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$254,724.89 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony distributed copies of the FY 2017 Preliminary Budget. He stated that the budget process began in February and all departments have made their budget presentations to the commission. This proposed budget is based on all of the input from the commission, administration and departments. He reported that multiple CIP and supplemental requests were changed, denied or moved to future years. He stated that this preliminary budget proposes a 1.94 mill increase to fund a new control console for the detention center and increased expenses. Anthony presented figures for how the tax lid would have affected the budget if it had been in place for this budget and a discussion was held regarding the impact to the budget beginning next year.

At 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to review financial affairs and economic development related confidential data. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Margaret Hermstein, Becky Opland, Craig Clough, Counselor Greg Nye and Rick Piepho. At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 20 minutes to continue the review of financial affairs and economic development related confidential data with all of the above present. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously with Commissioner Krehbiel temporarily absent. Executive session ended at 11:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

At 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session was John Waltner. At 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with all of the above present. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 11:55 a.m. with no action being taken.

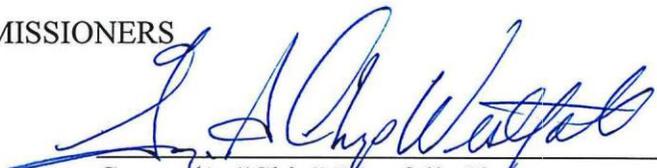
The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

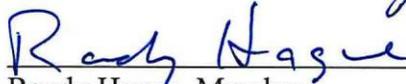
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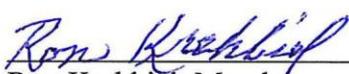


ATTEST:


Rick Piepho, County Clerk


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson


Randy Hague, Member


Ron Krehbiel, Member