

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 11, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 11, 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 was contacted by an officer of the Little Arkansas River Drainage District who informed him that they are planning to remove the trees in the river against the bridge near West Park.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall is scheduled to attend the Airport Advisory Board meeting at 4:00 p.m. today.
2. The Republican Party Ice Cream Social is scheduled for July 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Athletic Park.
3. The Harvey County 911 Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 14.

Minutes of the July 5 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, reminded the commissioners that the all day budget work session is scheduled for Thursday, July 14 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
2. Craig Clough, County Appraiser, presented a summary of changes that affect the appraisal process that were made by the legislature with the passage of House Sub for Senate Bill 280. The changes took effect on July 1, 2016. The changes include new restrictions for appraisers, new appeal procedures and changes regarding personal property liens.
3. John reported that the Public/Private Partnership has discussed and is focused on reducing substance abuse in the community. They are contributing some funds to Mirror, Inc. to conduct more baseline training sessions for community leaders to become more aware of substance abuse issues. Barth Hague, CEO of Mirror, Inc. presented information about Mirror, Inc. and the baseline training program. Mirror, Inc. is requesting an appropriation of \$1,000 from the county toward the total cost of \$5,000 to conduct 3-4 baseline training sessions for leaders. The balance will be contributed by other organizations and donations from the community. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appropriate \$1,000 to Mirror, Inc, to conduct a substance abuse baseline training program. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. The commissioners approved 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 letter included facts and figures of how many Harvey County residents are assisted by this program.

5. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that APAC is scheduled to begin contracted overlay work today. He stated that crews from his department completed patching of the concrete portion of NW 36th St on Friday in preparation for the contracted overlay of that section of road.
6. Sheriff T. Walton stated that law enforcement officers are becoming targets of violence as demonstrated by the recent shootings of police officers in Dallas. He also reiterated that it is hard to hire deputies due to compensation disparity with other area agencies.
7. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that a preliminary meeting was held last week with KDEM and entities affected by the May rain and flooding event. He also reported that FEMA public assistance may be available for the July 4th weekend rain and flooding events.
8. Brian Palmer, Newton City/County Airport Manager, stated that the EAA fly-in is scheduled for October 1. He also invited the commissioners to attend the fly-in kickoff lunch on September 29 at the Airport.
9. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that the west side of West Park is open again thanks to road work completed by the Road & Bridge Department. He also reported that a new water war event is scheduled for this coming Saturday at 4 p.m. at East Park.
10. Rick Piepho, County Clerk & Election Officer, reported that the deadline to register to vote for the August 2 Primary Election is Tuesday, July 12. The County Clerk/Election office will be open for voter registration until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday. He also reported that in-person early voting will begin on July 19 in the courthouse community room.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$75,814.34 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber, Finance Director, reported that the 2016 2nd Quarter Financial Report for Harvey County. He reported that year-to-date revenues and expenditures are on track with the budget and in comparison to last year.

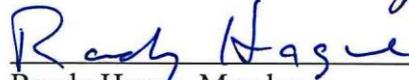
Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, and MKEC representatives Keith Ayotte and Karl Svaty presented bid documents & specifications for the replacement of bridge Q-16.9 on Dutch Ave. just east of Hesston. They reported that the bids were scheduled to be opened this morning, but only one bid was received due to improper notification and advertisement for the bid opportunity. They suggested that the bid opportunity should be reposted and distributed to prospective contractors with a few modifications to specifications and schedules and that the one bid received from Bridges, Inc. be rejected and returned to them unopened. Barb Buller, Bridges, Inc. representative, agreed to the suggestion. Keith suggested that the bid opportunity be distributed this week with a bid due date of August 5 and a bid opening date of August 8. Commissioner Hague made a motion to reject and return all submitted bids due to improper notice and authorize MKEC to modify the bid specifications and announce the bid opportunity with the new schedule. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The unopened Bridges, Inc. bid was returned and accepted by their representative, Barb Buller.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson


Randy Hague, Member


Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:


Rick Piepho, County Clerk