

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**July 25, 2016**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 25, 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 the REAP meeting last week. He stated that REAP is planning to conduct grant writing seminars and suggested that affected department staff should plan to attend these seminars.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The canvass of the August 2 Primary Election will be scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on August 8 prior to the commission meeting.
2. The Harvey County Fair is scheduled for August 5 through August 9 with the parade to be held on August 6.

Minutes of the July 18 Commission regular meeting were approved, with one correction, upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner, Administrator, reported that a Road & Bridge employee was injured this morning when a trailer jack broke while trying to hook up the trailer to a truck. John stated that Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, took the employee to the emergency room. The injuries to the employee do not appear to be severe.
2. John displayed a plaque sent by a resident thanking the county and the Road & Bridge department for the road work recently completed on NW 36<sup>th</sup> St.
3. John presented copies of the KDHE Public Health Connections newsletter that includes an article about Harvey County Health Department activities.
4. John presented copies of an invitation for the commissioners to attend a groundbreaking ceremony on July 29 at 8:00 a.m. for the North Woods Plaza development at 3719 N. Main in North Newton.
5. Craig Clough, Appraiser, presented the 2015 Real Estate Appraisal/Sales Ratio Study final results for Harvey County from the Property Valuation Division of the Kansas Department of Revenue. The report states that Harvey County has met the established statistical performance standards.
6. John reported that the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce is planning another City to City visit. The trip is scheduled for September 19-21 to Nashville, TN. John stated that he participated in the City to City trip last year as a REAP representative. He suggested that Anthony Swartzendruber be sent on the trip this year as a Harvey County representative. John suggested that the \$1,950.00 cost be funded using the county Economic Development fund. Commissioner Hague made a motion to authorize Anthony to attend the City to City visit to Nashville, TN for a cost of \$1,950 to be paid from the Eco/Devo fund. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Jan Jones, Executive Director of Harvey County DV/SA Task Force & Safe House, presented a Notification of Grant Award totaling \$47,243.00 for the 2016 Emergency

- Solutions Grant from the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation (KHRC) for the Harvey County DV/SA Task Force for the operation of the Safe House. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve this grant sub award and the provisions set forth in the Grant Award Conditions and Emergency Solutions Grant Program statutes, rules, regulations, terms and conditions and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. John presented a proposed appointment for a member of the Harvey County Public Building Commission. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to waive the second reading and reappoint Randy Hague for the term July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019 to the Harvey County Public Building Commission and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  9. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to waive the second reading of two Recommendations for Appointment and reappoint Cynda Conrade to the Parks Advisory Board for the term 7-1-16 to 6-30-19 and also reappoint Pat Jackson to the Parks Advisory Board for the term 8-1-16 to 7-31-19 and authorize the chair to sign both appointments. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  10. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that the employee who was injured this morning is doing OK. He is still being treated, but should be able to return to work soon.
  11. Jim presented a proposed resolution to sell some surplus Road & Bridge equipment, valued under \$50,000, on the Gavel Roads online auction site (gavelroads.com). The surplus equipment which is no longer required for use by the Road & Bridge Department includes a belly dump trailer, a snow plow and 8 motor grader tires. The surplus equipment to be sold also includes an Arctic Cat 500 which is no longer required for use by the Noxious Weed Department. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2016-11**, authorizing the sale of the surplus equipment. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  12. Rick Piepho, County Clerk & Election Officer, reported that in-person early voting for all Harvey County residents is going well. Early voting will continue to be available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday thru July 29 and will be open on Saturday, July 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Monday, August 1 from 8 a.m. to noon in the courthouse community room.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$107,793.41 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Teresa Huffman, SCKEDD Executive Director, and other board members presented the benefits of membership in SCKEDD (South Central Kansas Regional Development District) which is based in Wichita and covers a 14 county region including Harvey County. She reported that SCKEDD has three main functions; 1) promote economic activity, 2) CDBG application assistance and administration and 3) Kansas Weatherization Assistance Program (KWAP) grant administration. They provide high risk supplemental or bridge loans to businesses that cannot obtain complete financing through traditional means such as banks. They can also assist with the application and administration

of Community Development Block Grants. They reported that they would like to become the coordinator of weatherization grants in Harvey County which are currently being coordinated by EKAN based in Ottawa, but the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) has not agreed to multiple requests that SCKEDD be assigned as the KWAP coordinator for Harvey County. They stated that Harvey County is eligible for \$61,000.00 in weatherization funding. The annual SCKEDD membership dues for Harvey County are about \$5,800. They suggested that the county be sure to appoint representatives to the board who are active and attend all meetings and promote SCKEDD functions to prospective businesses. They informed the commission that only one of the two county representatives on their board regularly attend the meetings and promote their services. They suggested that the other Harvey County representative on their board be replaced.

Anthony Swartzendruber, Finance Director, distributed copies of the final recommended 2017 budget and stated that the public hearing for the 2017 budget is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on August 8.

Anthony presented a proposed resolution to levy property taxes to finance the 2017 budget of Harvey County exceeding the amount levied to finance the 2016 budget as adjusted to reflect changes in the CPI. This resolution is statutorily required to be passed prior to adopting a budget supported by such levy. Commissioner Westfall pointed out and quoted one of the paragraphs from the resolution; "Whereas, the 2016 Kansas State Legislature failed to fulfill its obligations in regard to statutory funding of demand transfers, has significantly limited state revenue sharing payments to counties, has previously taken action to phase out the County's Mortgage Registration Fee revenues, and in turn, has contributed to higher county property tax levies to finance the 2017 Harvey County budget." Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2016-10**, expressing the tax policy of the Board of Harvey County Commissioners with respect to financing the annual budget for 2017. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

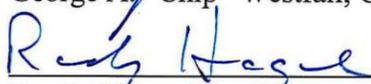
John presented a Notice of Budget Hearing for the public budget hearing regarding the 2017 Harvey County budget. The published budget sets a maximum ad valorem tax levy of \$12,083,453. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to publish the Notice of Budget Hearing to be held at 10:30 a.m. on August 8. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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

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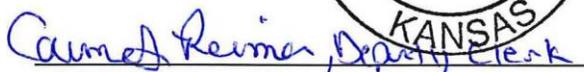


  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

  
Randy Hague, Member

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:

  
Rick Piepho, County Clerk