

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 27, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 27, 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 attended the Sedgwick City Council meeting last week where they discussed the options for EMS service in the City of Sedgwick.
2. Commissioner Hague stated that he was asked by a North Newton City Council member why the County doesn't join with the City of Newton to build a new joint Law Enforcement Center. He responded that it would not work logistically to have the Sheriff office separated from the Detention Center.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that he was contacted by a Pleasant Township resident regarding a culvert that is collapsing. He gave them the contact information for the township officials.
4. Commissioner Westfall stated that he is disappointed by City of Newton staff comments in the media about the disrepair of the Law Enforcement Center. He stated that engineers have examined the facility and report that it is structurally sound. He also stated that the County owns the building but the City of Newton can remodel and make repairs to their portion as they see fit.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that the REAP executive committee scheduled for July 14 has been cancelled.
2. The candidate forum at The Barn in Burrton has been rescheduled for July 12 at 7:00 p.m. and another candidate forum has been scheduled for July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Meridian Center in Newton.
3. The special commission meeting to discuss the budget work session has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 14 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes of the June 16 Commission special joint work session with the Newton City Commission were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes of the June 20 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, presented a draft of a letter from the commission to Kansas State Farm Service Agency thanking them for their assistance in the aftermath of the wildfires in western Harvey County. Commissioner Hague made a motion approve the letter and send it to the agency on behalf of the farmers in Harvey County. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. John presented copies of a report of the 2015 Drivers License transactions that was provided by the Treasurer. The commissioners discussed the report and whether a fee increase may be necessary.
3. John reported that Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, recently discovered that a grant program may be available to help offset

- the costs for juvenile detention. The commission agreed that she should pursue and apply for the grant.
4. Chairman Westfall directed that a letter be drafted from the commission to the Federal government voicing their concerns about the elimination of funding for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) program.
 5. Commissioner Westfall reported that some damage was incurred on some county roads that were used as a detour during a recent traffic accident on Highway 50 east of Walton. He has contacted the Road & Bridge department about the issue.
 6. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, presented the 2016-17 WIC allocation grant from the USDA and KDHE for \$209,789.00 to cover the costs to operate the WIC program. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize Lynnette to sign the WIC allocation grant. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 7. John presented a recommendation for appointment to the Harvey/Marion County CDDO for Anastasia "Ana" Enriquez. The CDDO recommends appointing Ana to fill the Parent/Guardian position currently held by Patti Carter that will be vacated upon the expiration of her term on June 30. They also recommend reappointing Marge Roberson as the Harvey County representative and Marjorie Warta as a joint appointee for Harvey and Marion counties. Each appointment is for a three-year term from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to waive the second reading and appoint Anastasia "Ana" Enriquez, Marge Roberson and Marjorie Warta to the Harvey/Marion County CDDO and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 8. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve changes to section 6.16 of the personnel manual regarding concealed carry that were made due to changes in statutes. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 9. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that three fireworks display permits have been requested for the Independence Day holiday. He also reported that three townships have submitted requests for public assistance from KDEM for the rain and flooding event in May.
 10. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that a family fishing event was held over the weekend. He also stated that the use of fireworks is prohibited in the parks and that signs have been posted.
 11. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, reported that the preliminary draft budget for 2017 will be distributed at next week's meeting.
 12. Anthony and Gary reported that the fuel and the battery have been removed from the old generator in the basement of the Law Enforcement Center and it is ready to be removed. Gary stated that the generator will have to be dismantled into small enough pieces to fit on the elevator. He suggests offering it to other entities in the county and giving it away to an interested party that is willing to dismantle and remove it. He reported that it would have very little resale value and would be difficult to list on an auction site. The commissioners agreed to proceed with the disposal at staff discretion.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Charles Richardson expressed concerns about the effective use of government resources regarding the appointment of a public defender for a tinted window infraction incurred by one of his employees recently. He stated that he was told by the employee that he was ready to pay

the fine during his appearance in court when an attorney stated they would be defending him. The commissioners informed Mr. Richardson they do not have jurisdiction concerning court proceedings, but will have Counselor Greg Nye look into the situation.

Rod Nicholson presented a check for a sizable amount from the RM Rhoades Foundation as a donation 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.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$115,277.67 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

John presented a proposed resolution to set the Solid Waste fee to be assessed on real property. John stated that the fee was first implemented in 1997 and that the amounts of the fees are unchanged from last year. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2016-9**, setting a service fee for solid waste facilities, assessing the fee on real property owners, and setting the manner for collection. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

John presented copies of the results of the bid opening held by the City of Newton for the Airport drainage projects. The attached memo from the city engineer reported that the project was split into two separate projects; one for the reinforced concrete box (RCB) under Oliver Rd. and one for the Airport Detention and Storm Water Quality Pond. The memo stated that the low bid of \$110,446.00 from Mies Construction, Inc. for the RCB project was over the engineer's estimate by \$32,149.91. It also stated that the low bid of \$228,268.76 from Mies Construction, Inc. for the pond project was under the engineer's estimate by \$161,814.24. The total of the two projects is less than the estimates but the RCB bids will need to be rejected, revised and rebid. Commissioner Hague made a motion to accept the low bid for the pond project from Mies Construction, Inc. for \$228,268.76 and to reject all of the bids for the RCB project and approve the new bid date of July 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. for the revised RCB project. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony distributed a supplemental & CIP request summary that showed the total of all requests by all departments for 2017. The commissioners discussed the requests and gave direction for Anthony to proceed with budget preparation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

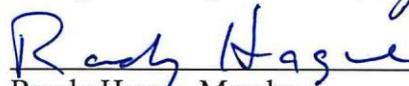
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ATTEST:


Rick Piepho, County Clerk


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson


Randy Hague, Member


Ron Krehbiel, Member