

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 14, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 14, 2016 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Hague reported that he attended the Council of Governments meeting last week. At the meeting Sheriff T. Walton presented information regarding an increase of the daily inmate fee for housing individuals at the Harvey County Detention Center beginning January 1, 2017.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that he attended the legislative update on Saturday; the tax lid and other current legislative issues were discussed.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The first of the quarterly joint meetings with the Newton City Commission is scheduled for March 24 at 4:00 p.m. The agenda items for the future meetings will be discussed.

Minutes of the March 7 Commission regular meeting were approved, with one correction to agenda item 1, upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, reported that BNSF Railway announced a new Site Certification Program aimed at identifying optimal rail-served sites for customer development along BNSF's network. Newton was named as one of the four initial sites across the country selected as a BNSF Certified Site.
2. John stated that the Sheriff sale for the AZP properties in Halstead is scheduled for April 27 at 10 a.m. in the courthouse community room.
3. John reported that he was informed by KWORCC that the workmen's compensation insurance premiums have been reduced due to participation in safety training programs.
4. John reported that SCKEDD representatives will present a report to the commission either next week or the week following.
5. Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, reported that KDHE has agreed to waive the requirement to conduct the 5 year stage 2 groundwater testing at the landfill due to the good results from previous tests. He stated that not conducting this testing will save the county about \$15,000 to \$20,000.
6. John reported that he will inform Workforce area 1 that the commission will not sign the 5 year agreement that they have requested due to the fact that Harvey County is exploring possible reassignment to Workforce area 4.
7. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, and Derrick Richling, Parks Operations Supervisor, presented their recommendation to award bid number 16-005 to Victor L. Phillips Co. for the purchase of one new 2015/16 Compact Track Loader. They reported that the bid for \$46,500 from Victor L. Phillips Co. for a Case TR270 was the lowest bid that met the required specifications. Kass stated that the difference of \$6,500 between the

- purchase price and the \$40,000 that was budgeted for this purchase could be made up from savings in the operations budget. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2016 Case TR270 Compact Track Loader from Victor L. Phillips Co. for \$46,500. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the second reading of the Recommendation for Appointment and appoint Ron Hoffman to the Parks Advisory Board for the term 3-14-16 to 3-14-19 and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 9. Don Gruver, Communications Director, reported that the new 800 MHz equipment to replace the equipment damaged by falling ice has been installed including the ice shields. He stated that testing should be completed and Motorola should turn the 800 MHz system over to the county in about a month.
 10. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, stated that March 14-18 is Severe Weather Awareness Week and that a Statewide Tornado drill is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 15. He stated that the Incident Command System (ICS) class for elected officials is scheduled for 1-4 p.m. on May 6 at the EOC/training room in the Law Enforcement Center. He provided an information sheet about the class including instructions to register to attend.
 11. Gary requested authorization to purchase equipment for technology improvements for the Emergency Operations Center for \$14,000.00. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 12. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, reported that the 2017 budget kick-off meeting will be held with department heads Wednesday morning.
 13. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, reported that Bryan Hall has filed as a Democratic candidate for Sheriff, Renee Erickson has filed as a Republican candidate for Kansas Senate District 31 and Rick Piepho has filed as a Republican candidate for County Clerk.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Jeremy Schrag, Attorney for AZP Realty and Azzy Reckess, reported that AZP is negotiating a contract to sell the Halstead Hospital properties to Goldstar Labs based in Santa Ana, CA. He was informed that a representative from Goldstar would be present to speak to the commission, but he has not received an update regarding whether the representative would arrive prior to adjournment.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$95,519.93 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 10:00 a.m. for 15 minutes.

At 10:15 a.m. Jeremy Schrag reported that the Goldstar representative is scheduled to arrive in Wichita at about 12:30 p.m. so they will not make a presentation to the commission today.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss confidential matters concerning possible threatened litigation and security matters.

Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Gina Bell, Counselor Greg Nye and Rick Piepho. At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss confidential matters concerning possible threatened litigation and security matters with all of the above present. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 10:35 a.m. with no action being taken.

At 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 25 minutes to discuss privileged information involving non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner and Counselor Greg Nye. At 10:50 a.m. Counselor Nye left the session. At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss privileged information involving non-elected personnel with John Waltner present. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 11:10 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 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

Ron Krehbiel
Ron Krehbiel, Member