

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 21, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 21, 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 a resident about the possible need to have the commission conduct a fence viewing to settle a dispute regarding an old fence on their property line.
2. Counselor Greg Nye reported that he was notified this morning that representatives from Goldstar Labs will not be attending the meeting or addressing the commission today as originally planned.
3. Commissioner Westfall congratulated Harvey County Health Department Director Lynnette Redington on being selected as a Newton/North Newton Woman of the Year.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Commission is invited to attend a joint meeting with the Sand Creek Watershed board scheduled for April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the SCW office, 1405 S. Spencer Rd., Newton.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel is scheduled to attend a Prairie View Advisory Board meeting on April 7 at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes of the March 14 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, reported a tornado drill will be conducted in the courthouse at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23.
2. Sheriff T. Walton presented an Application for Authorized Emergency Vehicle Permit for the Community Chaplain Response Team vehicle. Commissioner Hague made a motion to authorize the permit. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. John reminded the commissioners that a joint meeting with the Newton City Commission is scheduled for Thursday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m.
4. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, presented a letter from the commission in their capacity as the Harvey County Board of Health to the Kansas Health Foundation committing match funding for the Healthy Communities Initiative. The letter states that the Harvey County Board of Health will commit \$11,064.00 of in-kind match funding toward the Healthy Harvey Coalition's \$25,000.00 implementation grant of year 3. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the letter and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Lynnette presented the 2012-2016 Harvey County Health Rankings & Roadmap report prepared by the Kansas Health Institute. A copy of the press release was included.

6. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, presented the proposed invitation to bidders for Herbicides for Noxious Weed Control. The invitation to bid is for the estimated yearly supply of four types of herbicides separated by item number; each item number will be awarded separately. Bids will be received until 5 p.m. on April 1 and will be opened during the meeting on April 4. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize and send the invitation to bidders for Herbicides for Noxious Weed Control. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that a 3 day debris management class will be conducted in the EOC/training room in the Law Enforcement Center starting tomorrow morning. He stated that all of Harvey County is currently included in the extreme fire danger risk area.
8. Lynnette reported that the Health Department is currently working on a number of programs with the area School Districts.
9. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, reported on the status of the tax lid legislation. He stated that a number of changes were made to SB 316 in the Senate tax committee including adding some exemptions, changing the implementation date to January, 2017 and moving the valuation and election dates. It passed out of the tax committee as S Sub for HB 2088 and is scheduled to be presented to the full Senate later today.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$159,615.45 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:38 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 22 minutes to discuss confidential matters concerning non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were Becky Opland, and Counselor Greg Nye. At 9:45 a.m. Counselor Nye left the session. At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss confidential matters concerning non-elected personnel with Becky Opland present. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 10:05 a.m. with no action being taken.

Sherdeill Breathett, SCKEDD Board President, and other SCKEDD representatives presented a report of their activities and programs in Harvey County. South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD) offers a number of loan programs and grants for businesses in a 14 county region including Harvey County. They also administer weatherization projects in most of the 14 counties except for Harvey County whose weatherization projects are administered by ECKAN based in Ottawa. Harvey County and SCKEDD are working with ECKAN and the KHRC to allow SCKEDD to administer the weatherization projects in Harvey County. KHRC denied the original request to redefine the districts suggesting the affected districts negotiate with each other to redefine their service areas. The SCKEDD representatives reported on the loans and grants they have administered or assisted in preparing for businesses and entities in Harvey County. Sherdeill reported that SCKEDD currently does not have an Executive Director, but they are in the process of relocating their 2 current facilities to one combined facility at 9720 E. 50th St in Wichita. The SCKEDD representatives stated that they need to do a better job of marketing their services and asked the commission to help inform entities and businesses in Harvey County that SCKEDD offers programs to assist them.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

At 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss confidential matters concerning non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session was John Waltner. Executive session ended at 10:55 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was recessed at 10:55 a.m. The commissioners left to attend the Quad County Meeting in Hutchinson.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.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