

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

**May 16, 2016**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 16, 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 commented that the Kansas Governor has the lowest approval rating in the nation.
2. Commissioner Westfall attended the Children's Ag & Conservation Festival last week. He stated that it was an educational and entertaining event.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Hague stated that the Council of Governments will not meet during the summer. The next meeting is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in October.
2. The annual EDC dinner is scheduled for May 26 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Goerz House in North Newton.

Minutes of the May 9 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner, Administrator, presented a Proclamation for National Police Week. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to proclaim the week of May 15 – 21, 2016 as National Police Week in Harvey County and urge all citizens of Harvey County to observe May 19, 2016 as Peace Officer's Memorial Day. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The National Police Week Memorial Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The events begin at the Harvey County Fallen Officer Monument, in front of the Law Enforcement Center, followed by the luncheon in the Courthouse Community Room.
2. John Gilbert, Mirror, Inc. Executive Vice President, presented a request for a \$3,000 appropriation from the Local Alcoholic Liquor Fund. Mirror, Inc. was awarded \$3,000 last year from the fund and they are requesting the same amount this year to help support their substance abuse programs. Commissioner Hague made a motion to appropriate \$3,000 to Mirror, Inc. from the Local Alcoholic Liquor Fund. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. John Waltner reported that the City of Hesston is organizing an event to be held on May 25 at the Hesston Mennonite Church to recognize and thank those involved in the Feb. 25 shooting incident.
4. John reported that representatives from Workforce Area 1 would like to meet with either the Administrator and Chairman Westfall or the entire commission to discuss the possible reassignment of Harvey County to Area 4. The commissioners preferred to schedule a meeting with the entire commission.
5. Gina Bell, Planning & Zoning, presented Resolution 2016-8 to execute a certain easement and the Ingress-Egress Easement document. The ingress-egress & utility easement is for access to the Eicher property on NE 12<sup>th</sup> St. west of East Lake Rd.

- Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2016-8**, authorizing the Chairperson of the County Commission to Execute the 40' Ingress/Egress & Utility Easement to Jasper & Darla Eicher. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. John presented Railroad Crossing Improvement project number 40 X-2942-01 for consideration. The plan authorizes installation and maintenance of signals and gates by BNSF for the crossing on S. Woodberry Rd. west of Burrton. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve Railroad Crossing Improvement project number 40 X-2942-01 and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  7. Commissioner Hague made a motion to appoint Erin Mosiman, as recommended by the remaining township officers, to fill the unexpired term of Pleasant Township Treasurer. The position has been vacant since Bruce Hoffer passed away. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  8. Gina reported that the Planning Commission is discussing the possible restructuring of their commission to 9 members.
  9. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that the appeal of the ruling denying Harvey County participation in the FEMA Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAGP) for reimbursement of firefighting expenses related to the wildfires in the western part of the county has been filed with the Kansas Department of Emergency Management (KDEM). KDEM will forward the appeal to FEMA.
  10. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported that May is National Bike Month and a number of bike rodeos and bike safety classes are being conducted by her department.
  11. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, distributed copies of the department budget hearing schedule. Department budget hearings with the commission begin next week.
  12. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, reported that he attended annual KS County Clerks and Election Officials Association conference last week; a number of items were discussed including the tax lid legislation. He also reported that Ron Krehbiel filed as a Republican candidate for Harvey County Commission District 2 and Marc Rhoades filed as a Republican candidate for Kansas State Representative, District 72.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$83,692.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Lynnette Redington and Skip Cowan, Health Department Community Services Coordinator, presented a proposed Zika Virus Policy & Protocol and information about the Zika virus. The documents explain the transmittal, symptoms, prevention and treatment. They stated that Zika virus prevention posters will be posted in high risk departments. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 8 minutes to discuss privileged communication with legal counsel. Commissioner Hague seconded the

motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 10:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



*George A. "Chip" Westfall*  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

*Randy Hague*  
Randy Hague, Member

*Ron Krehbiel*  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:

*Carmel Reimer, Deputy Clerk*  
Rick Piepho, County Clerk