

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 14, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 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 Krehbiel expressed appreciation for service members from Harvey County.
2. Commissioner Hague gave a shout out to the election workers for running a smooth election.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that he attended the YMCA Open House and he also attended the 4H Banquet.
4. Commissioner Westfall reported that he and John Waltner, County Administrator, attended the REAP legislative reception.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. A City/County Joint meeting is scheduled for December 15 at 4:00 p.m. John will check with the City of Newton to find out if the meeting is still planned.
2. A Prairie View Advisory Board meeting is on the calendar for December 1. John will check with Prairie View to find out if that is correct.
3. There is a retirement party in honor of Sheriff T. Walton on Monday, November 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. It will be at The Meridian Center.
4. The commissioners discussed the times to meet and leave on Tuesday, to travel to and attend the KAC Conference in Overland Park.
5. A come 'n' go reception is scheduled on November 23 to celebrate Bart Regier's 70th birthday. There will be a luncheon at noon at the National Guard Armory.
6. The annual Employee Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 5.
7. Harvey County will be hosting the Quad County meeting on December 12. It will include a tour of the Newton YMCA.

Minutes of the November 7 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner reported that the resolution for the sale of the ResCare Building is unopposed. The commissioners requested John to have an informal appraisal done on the building. Greg Nye, County Counselor will draft a notice containing details for the bidding process. After reviewing with John, it will be brought to the commissioners for approval.
2. Counselor Greg Nye reported on Kansas Statutes regarding fence viewing. He also stated that Bradley and Wendy Mosiman have completed the fence on their property, but Douglas and Rhonda Little have not re-erected the chain link fence. Greg recommends sending a notice to the Little family giving 30 days to comply with the original order. Greg will bring the proposed notice to next week's commission meeting

- for review.
3. The Commissioners presented a letter of appreciation to Jason Reynolds, Harvey County Chaplain for the Chaplain Community Response Team's assistance and continued service to First Responders during recent emergency incidents in Harvey County. Commissioner Hague made a motion to authorize the signatures, Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 4. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, reported the final number of ballots counted for the November 8 General Election was 15,299, with the turnout percentage for the county of 70.3%. The final numbers will be posted on the website.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$300,920.45 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Carlton, Director of the Department on Aging, and Karen Kaufman, Transportation Coordinator, presented the annual grant application for the Public Transportation Assistance Project through the Kansas Department of Transportation. Karen reviewed the application including Harvey County's matching grant amount and the number of trips provided during the previous fiscal year. Transportation is provided for medical services, work, shopping, recreation, and education. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve and authorize the chair to sign the application for the Public Transportation Assistance Project for the senior services department. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, presented the South Central Regional Homeland Security Report. In 2014, seven Homeland Security districts were created in Kansas. There are 19 counties in the South Central district. Each district governs themselves, with parameters handed down from the state. The initial task for the South Central Regional Home Security Council is to examine current and future response capabilities on a regional level and measure those against the desired target capabilities outlined under the Homeland Security Presidential Directive. From this analysis the council will identify priorities for improvement and recommend projects for funding. The Council consists of 38 members. Each of the 19 counties in the South Central Region is represented by one member appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of that county. In addition to those 19 members, functional disciplines have representation on the Council. There are currently a total of four members from Harvey County. Gary stated that last year when the council identified its vulnerabilities, operational coordination was the top weakness identified. Starting in 2017, the state will hold the council to put funds toward the vulnerabilities that have been identified. Once a project is identified, it must be completed within three years.

At 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to confer with attorney regarding privileged matters. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber and Counselor Greg Nye. At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Hague made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with John Waltner and Anthony Swartzendruber present. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it

was passed unanimously. At 10:55 a.m., John Waltner was excused from the session. Executive session ended at 11:20 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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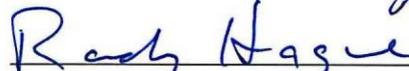
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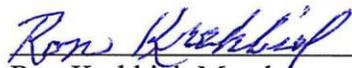
Rick Piepho, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member



Ron Krehbiel, Member