MINUTES OF

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 17, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 17, 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 acknowledged the award from the Kansas Sheriffs Association to Harvey County Sheriff T. Walton as Sheriff of the Year 2016. Harvey County Sheriff Deputy Brandon Huntley was also the recipient of the Deputy of the Year award by the KS Sheriffs Association.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel also commented that he appreciates the clean campaigns being conducted by all of the candidates in contested county and state races in Harvey County.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that early voting in-person begins on October 25 in the Courthouse Community room and that the deadline to register to vote in the November 8 General Election is October 18. County Clerk Rick Piepho stated that the Election Office will remain open until 7 p.m on the 18th for voter registration.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The canvass of the November 8 General Election will be scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on November 14 prior to the commission meeting.
2. Commissioner Westfall is scheduled to attend the Chamber breakfast on Friday, October 21.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel will participate in a Regional Solid Waste teleconference meeting on October 19.
4. The Walton Fire District 1 annual Fish Fry dinner is scheduled for November 12 in Walton.

Minutes of the October 10 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 that he is planning to attend the Parks Board meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at Camp Hawk to answer questions and discuss the proposed sale of Camp Hawk.
2. John reported that Mirror Inc. has scheduled a town hall meeting on November 1 from noon to 1:30 p.m. to discuss substance abuse.
3. John reported that Harvey County will host the next Quad County meeting on December 12. He is planning to contact the Newton YMCA, which is opening soon, about hosting the meeting and a tour of their facility.
4. John stated that representatives from three different agencies (Workforce Area 1, ECKAN and KEMA) are scheduled to attend next week's meeting to discuss their respective programs and services.
5. Kass Miller, Parks Director, stated that all of the sealing work on the West Park

bathhouse has been completed. He also reported that his staff has been working to remove the gophers at West Park.

6. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, presented a summary report of the Parks Department revenues and expenses for the last 5 years. The report which is broken down by each individual park was requested by the media. He also reported that at the Kansas Government Finance Officers Association meeting last week he attended a presentation that previewed the new State budget templates that are being prepared due to the tax lid implementation next year.
7. Greg Nye, County Counselor, reported that the 2016 Tax Foreclosure sale notice is being published. He stated that about one half of the initial causes have already been redeemed including court costs.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of $1,248,042.83 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber, Finance Director, presented the 2016 3rd Quarter Financial Report for Harvey County. He reported that year-to-date revenues and expenditures are on track with the budget and in comparison to last year.

Tom Morey, National Flood Insurance Program Coordinator, presented information about the flood insurance program in the county. He stated that Harvey County is a class 9 in the community rating system which means that policy holders receive a 5% premium discount. He stated that flood insurance premiums rates are set by the federal government so all the providers are supposed to charge the same rate. He reported that there are currently 88 flood insurance policies in the unincorporated areas of Harvey County. He stated that the class 9 rating is attributable to the Harvey County Planning & Zoning policies and standards and participation in the CRS program. He and Gina Bell, Planning & Zoning Director, are planning to visit a number of sites throughout the county later today.

Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, presented the report prepared by 360 Energy Engineers of the energy savings for the courthouse energy upgrades for the period of October 2015 thru June 2016. The report shows that the energy savings exceed projections with total savings of about $86,936 for the 9 month period.

At 10:53 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 17 minutes to discuss confidential matters regarding non-elected personnel and to discuss confidential matters with legal counsel. Commissioner Krehbiel 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 11:10 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

Rick Piepho, County Clerk

Ron Krehbiel, Member