

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

**October 24, 2016**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 24, 2016 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall requested that research be done by Administration and Counsel regarding sharing costs of detention for a juvenile that has been charged with crimes in Harvey and Marion Counties.
2. Commissioner Westfall presented an email he received from Brad and Wendy Mosiman regarding the status of a fence that the commission previously viewed and issued findings. The email suggested that another viewing may have to be conducted to resolve the issue. Counselor Nye will research the issue and report to the commission.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall is scheduled to attend the REAP legislative committee meeting on Thursday, October 27.
2. A REAP legislative reception is scheduled for November 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Botanica in Wichita.

Minutes of the October 17 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Kansas Emergency Management Association (KEMA) officers presented awards to Harvey County Emergency Management employees. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, was presented the award for Outstanding New Emergency Management Professional of the Year. Dan Bronson, Emergency Management Special Projects Coordinator, was presented the award for Outstanding Emergency Management Support Professional of the Year.
2. Two Letters of Commendation were presented for individuals who received awards from the Kansas Sheriffs Association. One letter recognizes and expresses appreciation to Harvey County Sheriff Craig T. Walton and congratulates him for being awarded 2016 Sheriff of the Year by the Kansas Sheriffs Association. The other letter recognizes Harvey County Master Sheriff Deputy Brandon Huntley for his outstanding service to the citizens of Harvey County and congratulates him for being awarded 2016 Outstanding Deputy of the Year by the Kansas Sheriffs Association. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the letters as presented. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The signed letters were presented to T. Walton & Brandon Huntley.
3. John Waltner, Administrator, presented bid results for the Airport Taxiway Lighting Project. The City of Newton requested the bids and opened them on October 13. A KDOT grant has been approved to fund up to \$25,500 for this project. Both bids submitted were below the engineers estimate. The total bid from Atlas Electric, LLC

- from Wichita was \$25,000 and the total bid from Kansas Electric, Inc. from Newton was \$27,920. Commissioner Hague made a motion to award the contract to Atlas Electric, LLC for a total cost of \$25,000. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Krehbiel stated that he would have preferred to award the bid to the Harvey County based contractor.
4. There will be a retirement reception for Health Department employee Marsha Thiesen on October 26 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Health Department.
  5. 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.
  6. John reported that Harvey County will host the next Quad County meeting on December 12 at the Newton YMCA. A tour of the facility will follow the meeting.
  7. Gina Bell, Planning & Zoning Director, presented copies of the Dam Failure Analysis Summary Report for DHV-0016 that was prepared by the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources. The report shows the updated dam breach area and how it affects the Holdeman property northeast of Newton.
  8. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, presented "Recommendations to Achieve Public Health 3.0" flyer prepared by the US Department of Health and Human Services. She stated that Harvey County already meets or exceeds most of the recommendations. She also reported that a Community Health needs assessment stakeholder meeting will be held on October 25 at 3:30 p.m. at Prairie View.
  9. Kass Miller, Parks Director, reported that the next Parks Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on November 21 in the courthouse community room.
  10. Rick Piepho, County Clerk & Election Officer, reported that early voting in-person begins tomorrow October 25 in the Courthouse Community room.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$180,144.57 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously. Hand written checks in the amount of \$290.29 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Peterson, ECKAN Director of Weatherization, presented information about ECKAN weatherization projects in Harvey County and about the process to conduct an inspection and assessment. He reported that in 2016 about \$74,000 has been spent on 13 weatherization projects in Harvey County; in 2015 about \$48,500 was spent on 12 projects in the county. He stated that the number of projects has increased in Harvey County in the last few years because a local HVAC contractor has been awarded the contract for work in the area. Bids from contractors are requested every 2 years to become an approved contractor. He stated that all of the weatherization services are free to the clients and are funded by Federal and State grants. Client eligibility is based on income guidelines. He reported that ECKAN is working to increase awareness of their weatherization services to potential clients.

A discussion was held regarding the sale of Camp Hawk. John reported that he and Commissioner Westfall attended the Parks Board meeting last Monday evening. Commissioner Westfall reported that

he asked the Parks Board to look at fee structures and present recommendations. He also asked them to rank priority of the capital improvements requests for the other parks. Counselor Nye reported that an election for the sale of the park and a question about levying taxes for a special parks fund would have to be separate questions. Commissioner Westfall requested cost estimates for dam repairs and removal of the house at Camp Hawk. Kass reported that some other parks in the surrounding area charge activity or usage fees for their parks with 70-80% of their total revenue coming from the activity fees. Commissioner Hague expressed that he is opposed to activity fees. Commissioner Krehbiel stated that the commission should continue with the resolution as passed and hold an election in November of 2017 if a petition is presented and verified.

Commissioner Krehbiel left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

At 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 25 minutes to discuss confidential matters with legal counsel. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, Rick Piepho and City of Newton attorneys Bob Myers and Chris Towle. Executive session ended at 11:45 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 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