

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**SPECIAL SESSION &**  
**JOINT CITY/COUNTY WORK SESSION**  
**September 22, 2016**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met for a special session on September 22, 2016 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

At 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 45 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and conduct an interview for the position of Department of Aging Director. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Linda Kientz, Anthony Swartzendruber, and a candidate for the Department of Aging Director position. At 1:38 p.m. the candidate left. Executive session ended at 1:45 p.m. with no action being taken.

At 1:52 p.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 43 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and conduct an interview for the position of Department of Aging Director. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Linda Kientz, Anthony Swartzendruber, and a candidate for the Department of Aging Director position. At 2:25 p.m. the candidate left. Executive session ended at 2:35 p.m. with no action being taken.

At 2:55 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 40 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and conduct an interview for the position of Department of Aging Director. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Linda Kientz, Anthony Swartzendruber, and a candidate for the Department of Aging Director position. At 3:30 p.m. the candidate left. Executive session ended at 3:35 p.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was recessed at 3:40 p.m.

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners and Newton City Commissioners met in a special joint work session on September 22, 2016. Chairman Westfall called the meeting back to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Newton City Hall Conference Room. All three County Commissioners were in attendance and City Commissioners Barth Hague, Leroy Koehn, David Nygaard and Kathy Valentine were also in attendance. City Mayor Glen Davis was absent.

Chairman Westfall announced that Commissioner Krehbiel will need to leave the meeting at 5:00 p.m. to attend another meeting in Moundridge.

John Waltner, Administrator, gave a brief background of a grant opportunity through the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) as an outgrowth of the shooting events in Harvey County in February. He

introduced Jan Jones, Domestic Violence Task Force, and Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, who gave more details regarding the grants and the programs that will be funded by them.

Bob Myers, Newton City Manager, reported that some presentations have been prepared by Harvey County Emergency Management and the City of Newton Public Information Officer regarding the planning, response and recovery for the active shooter events in February. He stated that these presentations have been given at numerous organization meetings throughout the state. He reported that plans are being developed to schedule a meeting locally to present the information. They are looking for a date in late October to schedule the event. He stated that the presentation would be useful and informative to all elected officials and government staff in the county who would be invited to attend.

A discussion was held regarding whether to pursue privatization of the Airport FBO functions. A presentation was recently made to the Newton City Commission by Palomino Petroleum who offered to operate the fuel operations at the Newton City/County Airport. Brian Palmer, Airport Manager, reported that he did some research and found that it is possible to privatize the FBO, but there would be a lot of issues to be worked out. He stated that the biggest issue would be the regulations concerning the ownership of the equipment and facilities. He stated that currently operational expenses exceed the revenues so he questioned the viability for a private firm to make a profit without increasing charges or adding fees. Brian stated that next step in pursuing privatization of the FBO would be to hire a consultant to assist in the process. He stated that a consultant would be very expensive. The City and County Commissions agree that privatization of the FBO should not be pursued further.

City Commissioner Nygaard asked on behalf of Bryan Hall if the county would consider turning Camp Hawk into a public shooting facility. The county commission replied that the intention behind the sale of Camp Hawk is to provide funds for the other two county parks and giving it away or turning into some other use would not meet that goal. They agreed that a new shooting range is probably needed and suggested a few other possible locations for it.

Commissioner Krehbiel left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

A brief discussion was held regarding funding for the Emergency Response Team (ERT). Commissioner Westfall stated that all of the cities in the county should provide some funding for operation of the ERT, but was unsure of how to divide the costs equitably. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant County Administrator & Finance Director, suggested that the first step should be creating a five year revenue and expense report to see how much money is needed to fund the ERT.

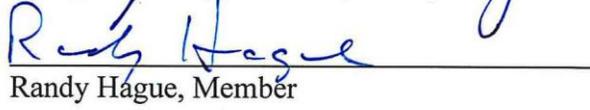
The next joint meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. on December 15 at the Courthouse.

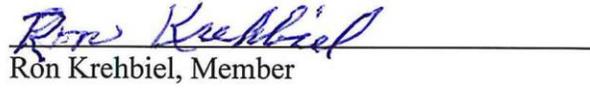
The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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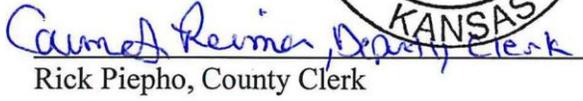


  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

  
Randy Hague, Member

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:

  
Rick Piepho, County Clerk