

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 26, 2016**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 26, 2016 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Hague reported that he had received a few calls or comments from some disc golfers regarding the sale of Camp Hawk.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he attended the Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections meeting last week regarding the Juvenile Justice Bill (SB 367). He stated that all affected agencies are being asked to create and submit suggestions of how a juvenile justice system should operate. He also reported that he has received some calls or comments from residents who support selling Camp Hawk.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that he has received multiple calls or comments from residents regarding the sale of Camp Hawk. He reported that he asked the Road & Bridge Department to install a traffic counter in the road into the park to quantify the number of visitors. He also reported that he has received a number of compliments regarding the condition of the roads in the county as a result of the HIP program.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The Harvey County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Task Force and Safe House fundraiser dinner is scheduled for November 4.
2. Commissioner Hague stated that today is his 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
3. The RSVP Fall Potluck dinner has been scheduled for 6 p.m. on October 24 at the Hesston Senior Center.

Minutes of the September 19 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 on Saturday a detention deputy experienced a medical issue and was transported by EMS to Newton Medical Center and was later transported to a hospital in Wichita. It was reported that he has a possible brain bleed.
2. John reported that representatives from ECKAN are planning to attend the commission meeting on October 24 to discuss weatherization programs and services.
3. John stated that the funeral for Kass Miller's mother is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28 in Dodge City. John and some park staff members are planning to attend and a floral arrangement will be sent on behalf of the commission.
4. A memo from Suzanne Loomis, City Engineer, regarding the Newton City/County Airport drainage pond project was discussed. The memo was prepared in response to concerns from a resident who owns property downstream from the new project. He believes that the berm and drainage v-notch weir should be higher, but the current design, permits and regulations do not allow for a higher berm or weir due to the proximity to the airport.

5. John stated that recently there have been a number of changes in staff in the City of Sedgwick. The City Administrator, Director of Emergency Services and the Mayor resigned recently and the President of the Council, Lynne Vigil, was sworn in as the Mayor. He reported that he met with the new Mayor on Friday to discuss their EMS issues and the concerns that Communications Department previously reported.
6. John presented a Supplement to an Airport Hangar Lease Agreement for approval. He stated that the supplement was a part of the initial lease agreement with Palomino Petroleum, Inc. that was dated October 6, 2014, but it inadvertently did not get signed at that time. The supplemental agreement has already been signed by Palomino Petroleum, Inc. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve and sign the supplemental lease agreement as presented. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. John presented voting delegate certification forms for the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC), KCAMP & KWORCC meetings to be held in November. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to certify Commissioner Westfall as the KAC voting delegate with County Clerk Rick Piepho as the first alternate and Commissioner Hague as the second alternate. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to certify Commissioner Hague as the KCAMP meeting and KWORCC meeting voting delegate with County Clerk Rick Piepho as the alternate. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad to repair/upgrade the railroad crossing on SE 125<sup>th</sup> Street. There will be no cost to the County for this project. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the agreement with Union Pacific Railroad and authorize the chairman to sign the report. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
9. Jim, Gary Denny - Emergency Management Director, Gina Bell - Planning & Zoning Director and Byron Warta - EDC Board member gave brief reports of the activities of their respective departments.
10. Don Gruver, Communications Director, reported that in his capacity as acting Emergency Management Director over the weekend he received a call reporting oil in Sandcreek near the dog park. He reported that he responded to the site and contacted the City of Newton. They discovered a pipe that had a small leak; the city will work on resolving the issue.
11. Derrick Richling, Parks Operations Supervisor, reported that the bases of the walls for the new restroom facility at West Park have been grouted and they will be working on sealing the seams between the panels soon. The commissioners thanked Derrick and the Park's staff for their work setting up and hosting the employee picnic yesterday.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

Daniel Harms, owner of House of Glass and Newton resident, expressed his opposition to the sale of Camp Hawk. He stated that he has been involved with activities at the park since 1999 and helped setup and maintain the disc golf course there; he also volunteered his time as a member of the park board for a number of years. He reported that a lot of people utilize the disc golf course and shelter building at Camp Hawk. He stated that he contacted the parks board to see if a discussion was held and recorded in their minutes regarding the possible sale

of the park. He was informed that the parks board has not had any discussions about selling the park. Daniel questioned whether the commission should have requested input and recommendations from the parks board prior to proceeding with the resolution to sell the park. The commissioners responded that some discussions were held with some parks board members about a year ago, but the action was not formally presented to the parks board. Daniel explained that volunteers spend a lot of hours maintaining the disc golf course, and he is not sure if those volunteers would continue their work if the disc golf course was moved to another park. Daniel asked the commission to spend a little more time defining the asset to determine the future of the park. The commissioners expressed that the reason to explore selling the park is driven by their concerns regarding the upcoming tax lid and how it will affect the funding to maintain three parks effectively. They plan to proceed with the resolution, but they are still in the process of gathering information. They suggested that Daniel contact administration to have the topic be added to the agenda for a future meeting and offered to hold a special evening meeting if necessary.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$119,769.33 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:20 a.m., the public hearing was opened to hear possible protests of delinquent solid waste fees, as required by KSA 65-3410. John presented a list of 2015 delinquent solid waste fees. The list was reviewed and discussed, but there were no citizen objections or protests. The commissioners approved the report as presented. The hearing was closed at 10:25 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss confidential matters regarding non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session was John Waltner. Executive session ended at 10:45 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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ATTEST:

*Carmen Reimer, County Clerk*  
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Rick Piepho, County Clerk

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

*Randy Hague*  
Randy Hague, Member

*Ron Krehbiel*  
Ron Krehbiel, Member