

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 6, 2017

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 6, 2017 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that he discussed the Safe Haven or Sanctuary County status of Harvey County with the Sheriff.
2. Commissioner Westfall also reported that he assisted with the tour of courthouse offices last week by a group of about 40 homeschool students.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel expressed to the Sheriff that he 100% supports the establishment of the Drug Task Force with the use of drugs and drug related activity on the rise in the county. Sheriff Chad Gay explained that the task force currently consists of two officers, one Sheriff Deputy and one Newton PD officer. They are supported by the Emergency Response Team when needed. He stated that the team has made one drug bust so far with other investigations ongoing. He stated that other jurisdictions in the county should direct leads of suspected drug activity to the task force. Chad stated that he would like to initiate proactive drug programs. The commissioners suggested contacting Mirror, Inc. and other local organizations that conduct drug programs. They also suggested researching the Drug Court program in Saline County.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Annual Township Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Harvey County Shop.
2. Commissioner Hague is scheduled to attend the Council of Governments meeting on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 a.m. at The Breadbasket.
3. The County Wide Collaboration meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9 at the Meridian Center. A presentation will be given about the active shooter events that occurred in Harvey County last February. Attendees will be invited to participate in a discussion about collaboration and coordination of response to future emergency events.

Minutes of the January 30 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, reminded the commissioners that they are invited to attend the Hesston Chamber Annual Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on February 21 at the Water's Edge in Hesston.
2. John reported that he was informed by Kass Miller, Parks Director, that the Site Partner Agreement with Mainprize Industries, LLC for the 2017 Conquer the Gauntlet (CTG) obstacle course event has been approved and signed by CTG with the changes to the fee structure as presented at last week's meeting.
3. John reported that a presentation by an attorney who specializes in Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) issues and implementation is scheduled on Wednesday, February 15 from 8:30--10:00 a.m. He has asked that at least two persons from each department attend this training as it is imperative that we develop a much clearer understanding of this important benefit to be able to explain it more clearly to employees.

4. John presented a proposed Designated Fund Agreement between the Harvey County Food and Farm Council and the Central Kansas Community Foundation (CKCF). The agreement establishes a Food & Farm Council Fund on the books of the foundation. The CKCF is already established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation so creating a fund within their organization eliminates the need for the Food & Farm Council to create a separate nonprofit corporation while still allowing them to apply for grants and other funding that only nonprofit corporations are eligible to receive. Approval by the commission is required because the Food & Farm Council was created by them and they appoint the board members. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the agreement as presented and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. John presented a proposed Employee Gym Membership Subsidy. The Healthy Harvey Wellness Team and staff recommend that Harvey County support employee memberships at the YMCA or any other wellness center in the county at the rate of \$75.00 per year. Staff has negotiated agreements with all of the wellness centers to provide discounted membership fees to county employees and bill the county \$6.25 per month for each employee that maintains a paid membership at their facility. Funding for this program is available in the employee wellness fund. The commissioners suggested possibly requiring a minimum number of visits per month for eligibility in the future. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to establish and approve the program through the end of the 2017 calendar year. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that a LEPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m. He also reported that Stan Smith, Kansas Division of Emergency Management State Coordinating Officer is scheduled to speak at the Township Dinner tonight.
7. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported that she recently discovered that Harvey County is eligible to receive up to \$125,000 in grant funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) so her department will begin the application process. She stated that the county has received SAMHSA funding in the past, but SAMHSA has limits on how often an agency can receive funding so she believed that not enough time had passed since the last SAMHSA grant award to the county.
8. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that the 144th Annual Harvey County Township Meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Harvey County Shop building. He reported that the work to clear vegetation and downed timbers along Burmac Rd. is mostly completed, but that some work has been postponed due to water saturation in some of the ditches.
9. Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, presented a proposal from MKEC for the estimated fees of \$7,200 for engineering and KDHE reporting for the landfill gas monitoring program. MKEC will engineer the proposed changes to the gas monitoring system at the landfill to allow for future expansion of the C & D landfill on top of the closed MSW landfill. The commissioners agreed to accept the proposal and proceed with the project.
10. Gina Bell, Planning & Zoning Director, stated that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held Tuesday evening, February 7. She reported that a work session meeting with the Planning Commission and the Realtors Association is scheduled for next month.
11. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, presented the January 2017 sales tax report. He stated that sales tax collections are down slightly

compared to last year, but indicated that the collections for January 2016 were abnormally high. Anthony also reported that a bill has been introduced in the Kansas legislature to provide constitutional home rule powers to counties similar to what already exists for cities.

12. Anthony presented a State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool (MIP) Resolution to authorize Becky Fields, Jeraldine Smith, Amanda Hitschmann and Tessa Butcher to transfer funds to and from the MIP for Harvey County. Due to recent employee changes in the Treasurer's Department the signature form needed to be updated. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the resolution and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
13. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, reported that his written and oral testimony to the KS House Elections committee last week on HB 2013 was productive. The committee amended the bill with the changes he proposed before passing it. This bill allows candidates nominated by write-in vote in a primary to decline the nomination within 10 days of the canvass.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$480,173.05 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

John presented proposed revisions to the Harvey County Smoking Policy as recommended by the Harvey County Wellness Team. The suggested changes to the policy that was adopted July 1, 2010 include changing the policy to prohibit the usage on county owned property of all tobacco products and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) or E-cigs. They also suggest banning tobacco usage on all county property or extending the prohibited area for usage distance to twenty feet from entrances, windows or ventilation systems of enclosed areas or buildings. A discussion was held regarding the proposed changes. The commissioners support the changes and agree that the prohibition zone should be extended to twenty feet. Commissioner Hague suggested that markers should be placed signifying the 20 foot distance from entrances. Commissioner Westfall asked that the county employees be made aware of the proposed changes prior to adopting the new policy. The new policy will be drafted and presented for adoption at a future meeting.

Jim presented information about the proposed 2017 Contracted Pavement Improvement Plan which includes about 7.6 miles of Hot-in-Place Recycle (HIPR) on N. Ridge Rd. and about 10.26 miles of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) on Burmac Rd. and a few other small areas and approaches. The commissioners agreed to approve the plan as presented and proceed with instructing MKEC to proceed with the design and bid specifications for the projects.

At 11:00 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 Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Rick Piepho and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 11:15 a.m. with no action being taken.

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

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Ron Krehbiel

Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

Randy Hague

Randy Hague, Member

George A. "Chip" Westfall

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ATTEST:

Rick Piepho

Rick Piepho, County Clerk