

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 5, 2017

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 5, 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 and Commissioner Hague attended the KCCA conference last week where they attended a number of informative sessions. He reported that Harvey County Emergency Management Director, Gary Denny gave a presentation on the February, 2016 active shooter incident in Harvey County that was well received by all of the attendees.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall and Anthony Swartzendruber, Administrator will attend the EDC and Chamber sponsored City-to-City trip to Ponca City, OK on Thursday and Friday.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Anthony Swartzendruber, Administrator, presented copies of a briefing report from the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission (MIPRC). Improvements on the AMTRAK Southwest Chief Route were among the highlights.
2. Counselor Greg Nye reported that the two separate tax foreclosure sales conducted last Wednesday, May 31 where well attended and almost all of the properties were sold. He stated that the winning bid for the property at First and Spencer exceeded the amount of the taxes owed, fees and court costs.
3. Anthony presented a copy of a letter he prepared on behalf of the commission to thank Rich Denno for his service as a member of the PBC.
4. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported that her department has been awarded a KS Health Foundation grant for \$262,000 total over three years.
5. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that a number of activities are scheduled at the parks this month including a fishing contest and a horseback scavenger hunt.
6. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that road patching work continues and the overlay project contractor is currently working on Burmac Rd.
7. Dan Bronson, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, reported that he has received quotes for insuring the proposed archery range at East Park. Dan & Anthony will meet with parks staff to discuss revisions to the proposal based on the insurance requirements. Dan reported that the June 15 valuations and budget worksheets were received from the County Clerk's office on Friday; the total assessed valuation is up 1.81% over last year's final assessed valuation. Dan is also collecting reports from department heads of hail damage from the storm last Wednesday.
8. Rick Piepho, County Clerk & Election Officer, reported that the candidate filing deadline for the November City/School election has passed and there will not be any primary elections in Harvey County in August.

CITIZENS FORUM:

American Legion representative Paul Sanford invited the commissioners to attend an event this Sunday at the American Legion Post in Newton. He stated that the American Legion Legacy Run, a 4-day fundraising motorcycle ride around the state, will culminate at the Newton Post on Sunday, June 11 at about 12:30 p.m. when the total amount of funds raised during the event will be announced. He stated that 100% of the money raised during the event goes into a scholarship fund for the children of veterans who lost their lives or were disabled in service.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$299,527.62 total were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony and Kass presented a proposed Agreement with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for consideration. It is a multi-year agreement with an all-inclusive fee structure for the use of Harvey County West Park for the annual Trapper's Rendezvous event held at West Park on the Thursday through Sunday preceding the 3rd Monday of January. The agreement requires the BSA to pay a minimum of \$3,500 per year to cover administrative costs, rental of facilities and participation fees for a minimum 1,000 registered participants. An additional refundable cleanup and security deposit of \$1,000 is required. The BSA will also pay \$2.00 per individual registration above the minimum included. The agreement has been reviewed by Counselor Nye. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the agreement with the BSA as presented and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Beth Shelton, Harvey County Economic Development Executive Director (EDC), and Jennifer Mueller, Assistant Director, Retention and Expansion Specialist, and a number of EDC board members presented an update on the current status, goals and projections for the EDC. Jennifer reported that one of the goals of the retention program is to visit with each current business in the county quarterly to discuss their needs and complete a questionnaire. She stated that she has visited 41 businesses so far this year and several businesses are hiring and expanding or planning to expand their operations in the county. Beth presented and discussed some of the prospects on the project tracker report. She stated that their marketing activities include running advertisements in the local newspapers and they are creating some aerial footage videos to market industrial sites in the county such as the KLP. Beth will also be attending the Paris Air Show in June with the KS Department of Commerce. Beth invited the commissioners to the EDC annual meeting on June 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Meridian Center where the Garner report of recommendations for focusing EDC efforts will be presented. Beth stated that the 2018 budget for the EDC has not been finalized, but their request for funding from the county will be reduced by about \$23,000 total. She stated that the agreement for each entity in the county to provide the EDC with 3% of their 1 cent sales tax revenue will expire at the end of 2017 and will they will not request a renewal of the agreement. Beth stated the decrease in their funding request results from operational efficiencies, reduced expenses and a higher than necessary reserve fund balance.

Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, opened bids from three dealerships for bid number 17-008 for the purchase of a new 2017 or 2018 batwing mower for the Solid Waste Department. Bid requests were sent to multiple dealerships and four bids total were received from the three dealerships:

Bid 17-008 Description	Ravenscraft Implement, Inc.	North 81 Tractor, Inc.	J & H Farm Equipment	
New 2017 or 2018 Batwing Mower (15' minimum width)	\$11,828.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,850.00	\$14,975.00
Year:	2017	2016	2017	2017
Make:	Land Pride	Howse	Woods	Woods
Model:	RC4015	CFX15.5	BW180XHD	BW1800X
Warranty Provided:	Y – 1yr P&L	N	Y – 1yr P&L	Y – 1yr P&L
Notes	none	Manufacturer out of business	Extra blades not included	Extra blades not included
Delivery Cost:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Delivery Time:	30-45 days	1-2 days	30 day max	30 day max
Total	\$11,828.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,850.00	\$14,975.00

The commissioners suggested that Rollin review of all of the bids. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the bids as presented and allow staff time to review and present a recommendation at next week's meeting. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 5 minutes to confer with attorney regarding privileged matters. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were Anthony Swartzendruber, Dan Bronson, Rick Piepho, Gina Bell and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 11:05 a.m. with no action being taken.

At 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 25 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were Anthony Swartzendruber, Dan Bronson, Craig Clough and Counselor Greg Nye. At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were Anthony Swartzendruber, Dan Bronson, Craig Clough and Counselor Greg Nye. At 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were Anthony Swartzendruber, Dan Bronson, Craig Clough and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at noon with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

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ATTEST:

Rick Piepho
 Rick Piepho, County Clerk

Ron Krehbiel
 Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

Randy Hague
 Randy Hague, Member

George A. "Chip" Westfall
 George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member