

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**May 8, 2017**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 8, 2017 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he read an article in the Newton Kansan about Harvey County being listed as a “sanctuary” county. Sheriff Chad Gay stated that Harvey County has been listed on a list prepared and maintained by a non-profit group, but Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is analyzing it’s list of “sanctuary” counties & cities and has suspended publication of its Declined Detainer Outcome Report until the analysis is completed. He will monitor the status.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The May 10 Council of Governments meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, June 14 at 7 a.m. at the Breadbasket.
2. May 7-13, 2017 is Public Service Recognition Week. A reception for county employees is scheduled for Thursday, May 11 from 2 – 4 p.m. to honor their service.

Minutes of the May 1 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Anthony Swartzendruber, Administrator, reported that HB 2424 was introduced last week to add exemptions for employee benefit costs to the property tax lid legislation.
2. Anthony reported on the status of the research and contacts regarding the Bright property situation that was discussed. Anthony stated that City of Sedgwick officials forwarded all of the information they had and confirmed that they backed out of the project after the estimated costs increased beyond what their budget would allow. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, contacted the local NRCS office who believe that the project can be reactivated with a new sponsoring governmental entity.
3. Robert Carlton, Department of Aging Director, presented a Recommendation for Appointment form to appoint Wayne Valentine to an open position on the Department of Aging Advisory Council for the term May 1, 2017 to May 1, 2020. This would be the first term for Wayne who was in attendance to answer questions from the commission. Commissioner Hague made a motion to waive the second reading and appoint Wayne Valentine to the Harvey County Department on Aging Advisory Council and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously
4. A Proclamation for National Police Week was presented for consideration. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to proclaim the week of May 14 – 20, 2017 as National Police Week in Harvey County and urge all citizens of Harvey County to observe May 18, 2017 as Peace Officer’s Memorial Day. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The National Police Week Memorial Appreciation Ceremony will be held on May 18 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Harvey County Fallen Officer Monument, in front of the Law Enforcement Center, followed by the luncheon for active and retired LEO’s in the LEC Training Room.
5. Anthony presented copies of a letter from Kansas WorkforceONE regarding the upcoming expiration of an agreement between the county and their organization. The current Chief Elected Official Board Agreement is due to expire on June 30, 2017. Last

- year the commission agreed to a one year renewal of the agreement instead of the five year agreement requested. There was some discussion concerning which Workforce area Harvey County should be assigned to. The commissioners agreed that a one year agreement should be drafted and presented for approval.
6. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that the bait shop and the new bathroom/shower house facility at West Park opened last Friday. He also reported that the Food Truck Festival is scheduled for this coming weekend at East Park.
  7. Gina Bell, Planning & Zoning Director, reported that she will be issuing a permit to construct a shed on the Holdeman property now that an agreement has been reached between Sandcreek Watershed officials and the property owners on the location of the structure.
  8. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that the pre-construction meeting with the HMA paving project contractor was conducted last week and work should begin in the next few weeks.
  9. Dan Bronson, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, reported that departmental meetings with administration regarding their 2018 budget requests are scheduled to be conducted this week.
  10. Rick Piepho, County Clerk & Election Officer, reported that the candidate filing deadline for the November City/School election is June 1 at noon.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$537,220.00 total were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

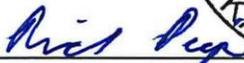
At 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to confer with attorney regarding privileged matters and to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were Anthony Swartzendruber, Dan Bronson, Rick Piepho and Counselor Greg Nye. Rick Piepho left the session at 10:07 a.m. At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 15 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 and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 10:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

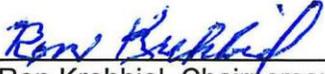
The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

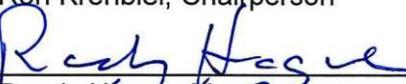
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ATTEST:

  
Rick Piepho, County Clerk

  
Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

  
Randy Hague, Member

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member