

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 17, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 17, 2015 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Hague called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. following the LPKC tour.

Rick Piepho, County Clerk, requested that the warrant check review be moved up in the agenda so that the approved checks could be prepared prior to the deadline for mail.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$266,175.90 and special checks in the amount of \$18,600.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

There were no items added to the agenda.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Newton Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 20th at the Meridian Center.
2. The Farm Bureau breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 23rd at the Breadbasket.

Minutes of the February 9, 2015 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, introduced Veri Stroud the new administrative assistant that started work today.
2. John presented copies of the State Sales Tax Exemption summary provided by the KS Department of revenue.
3. John and Mickey Fornaro-Dean, EDC Director, reported on the highlights of the KCLP tour. They reported that the BNSF trans-load container facility is very impressive with 6 rail lines on approximately 450 acres. There are also multiple warehouses adjacent to the facility. Officials at the facility thought that the Kansas Logistics Park in Newton would benefit and complement their facility.
4. John presented a proposed resolution to oppose SB 171, which would make nonpartisan city and school board elections partisan and move them to the fall of even numbered years to be held in conjunction with state and federal elections. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-6**, opposing the Kansas State Legislature's consideration of making municipal and school board elections partisan and moving to the fall of even numbered years. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Sheriff Walton reported that his department was busy last week. There were 7 stolen

vehicles and Interstate 135 had to be shutdown twice due to vehicles going the wrong way.

6. Lon Buller, Emergency Management Director, distributed copies of the 2015 LEPC meeting schedule.
7. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the auditors came earlier than scheduled. They were here all last week, initial reports indicate that the county is barely under the threshold for a single audit. He also presented a letter from the KS Department of Transportation announcing the amount of \$234,006.40 available to Harvey County for the 2015 Federal Fund Exchange program along with a breakdown of exchange fund availability since 2011.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Mike Morton, 132 E. 13th St., Newton, reported that he has logged 73 power outages in 6 ½ years at his residence. He stated that he has sent letters to the KS Corporation Commission and Westar Energy regarding the matter, with no response. He presented a log of the outages along with copies of the correspondence. He stated that he heard that the commissioners were discussing the outages at the courthouse with Westar and thought that this information would be useful to them. The commissioners informed him that he should also present the information to the City of Newton.

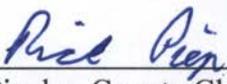
At 4:38 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 12 minutes to discuss privileged information. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 4:50 p.m. with no action being taken.

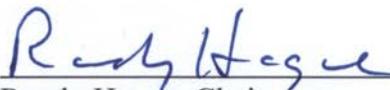
The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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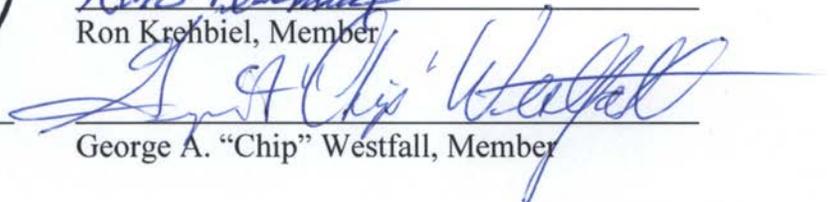


ATTEST:


Rick Piepho, County Clerk


Randy Hague, Chairperson


Ron Krehbiel, Member


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member