

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 30, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 30, 2007 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Roberson received a phone call from a citizen in Colorado Springs that asked to be notified by the Treasurer's office when there is going to be a Sheriff's sale. Commissioner Roberson suggested that information of that type be placed on the County website.
2. Commissioner Roberson attended a dinner sponsored by MidCap where Harvey County received a Municipality of the Year award.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The monthly REAP meeting will be held on May 14 before the Commission meeting.
2. The Commissioners have been invited to an Earth Day celebration at Harvey County West Park on May 8.
3. A Kansas Collaborative meeting will be held on May 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Community Room. Dr. Fox from Lawrence, Kansas will present a program on the possibility of tobacco free restaurants in the County. All elected officials in Harvey County will be invited to attend.
4. The Commissioners will participate in the Westside Spring Fling parade on May 12 at 10:30 a.m.
5. Health Ministries will hold an open house from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 17.
6. The Little Arkansas Watershed meeting will be held at the COOP in Moundridge on May 3 at 7:00 a.m.
7. Professor Joe Aistrup will be speaking on a regional marketing partnership at the Hughes Metroplex on May 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The minutes were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The first reading for a recommendation for appointment to the Harvey County RSVP Advisory Council was presented for Twyla Kovac. The appointment will be considered at next week's Commission meeting.
2. Recommendations for appointment were presented for Carroll Harder as representative for the City of Newton and Sam Griffin as representative for the City of Halstead to the Harvey County Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner

Roberson made a motion to appoint both Mr. Harder and Mr. Griffin to the Commission. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Don Rogers, representative with Stutzman Refuse Disposal, presented a check to Harvey County in the amount of \$2,000. This is an amount received from the cleanup of paper from a train derailment that was in excess of the disposal costs of processing the paper. Stutzman was very appreciative of the Harvey County Transfer Station for the way the material was separated and sorted.

A discussion was held regarding the possible amendment of the Regional Solid Waste Authority Plan to include requiring trash generated in Harvey County to be disposed of in Harvey County. No action was taken.

Jim Meier, Harvey County Engineering Technician presented the results of a traffic study done on South Osage Road between SE 60th St and East 2nd Street. It was determined in the study that the speed limit for that road should be 40 mph. Because other jurisdictions are involved and need to be consulted, Harvey County will contact both Butler County and the City of Whitewater.

Warrant checks were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning presented a request by U.S. Cellular for a conditional use permit to erect a telecommunication tower in the southeast quarter of section 25, Macon Township, near Cow Palace Road. The request has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and with only one vote of abstention has recommended the request be granted. There were no letters or petitions received in opposition to the construction of the tower. Belinda Bodie, representative from U.S. Cellular, attended the meeting. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the permit and Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Scott Davies presented a request by Harvey County Rural Water District #1 to construct three water well pump stations and a well building in the north half of section 25, Garden Township, between Essex Heights Road and Hertzler Road on the south side of Northwest 60th St. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to grant the special use permit as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

At 1:00 p.m. the Commissioners attended the swearing in ceremony of A.J. Wuthnow as Harvey County Sheriff.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:16 p.m. Joe Yeager from the REAP Board discussed the relationship between REAP and the Greater Wichita Economic Development Council and how each entity functions. The Harvey County EDC made the decision not to participate with the GWEDC this year because they felt they were not receiving fair representation. There appears to be a lack of clarity and understanding of what GWEDC is to provide for the Harvey County EDC. Mr. Yeager stated that REAP does not do industry prospecting. The prospecting of clients is done through the GWEDC and the original plan was to market the region, not a City. No action was taken.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m. Chairman Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member