

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**February 26, 2007**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 26, 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 has been meeting with a group of representatives from other counties in South Central Kansas who are trying to make sure that this region gets added to the gaming bill that will go before the legislature. This group will be called the South Central Coalition for Fair Play and includes representatives from Harvey, Cowley, Sumner, Sedgwick, and Kingman Counties. There were no representatives from Butler or Reno County in attendance at the last meeting. In past proposed legislation, there are only three areas in Kansas that would be allowed to have gaming, and there is currently a five year moratorium on gaming development in the remainder of Kansas.
2. Commissioner Westfall gave the other Commissioners a copy of an article from a Popular Science Magazine that describes burning trash with a plasma burner.
3. A letter will be sent to AT&T thanking them for the donation of the generator.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. There will be a meeting of the CDDO task force every Tuesday afternoon.
2. A REAP legislative session will be held in Topeka on March 6, 2007.
3. The regular REAP meeting will be held on March 12, 2007.
4. The Regional Solid Waste luncheon will be held in Hutchinson on March 13, 2007.
5. The annual water conference will be held in Topeka on March 15, 2007
6. The Quad County Meeting will be held in Hutchinson on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
7. The REAP economic development meeting will be held on March 28, 2007 at noon.

The minutes for the February 19, 2007 Commission Meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Harvey County has received the figures submitted by Gene McCracken regarding the waste-to-energy plant proposal. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a change order for \$10,000 for RMT Engineering to review the numbers. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Craig Clough, Harvey County Appraiser, reported to the Commission that value notices are in the process of being mailed out. There was a 3.8% overall change in valuation. Agricultural land values went down while rural farmstead land went up significantly.

Residential property increased by 2.8% and Commercial property increased by 23%. However, there are commercial exemptions that have not yet come through that will decrease that percentage.

3. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve Resolution #2007-9 which urges Federal and State Governments to retain drivers license renewals at the local level. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Warrant checks for 2006 and 2007 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

Sheriff Byron Motter explained how the detention center handles inmate mental health issues. Harvey County has a standing contract with Prairie View for mental health services. The courts have made an evaluation of mental capacity before the inmate gets to the detention center. There is a pre-screening done at the time of book-in. During incarceration if the medical doctor determines that an inmate needs further assistance, then Prairie View is notified. According to the contract, they must come to the detention center within 48 hours.

The Commissioners went to the Health Department at 10:45 for a luncheon. In addition to lunch, the health department presented information on tobacco use cessation and wellness grant application to the State of Kansas.

The Commission reconvened at 1:15 in the Commission Room. A discussion was held regarding the proposed by-law changes for the REAP organization. The State of Kansas has asked that REAP change their by-laws so they can administer the \$5,000,000 Fair Fares money. There are now 32 cities and counties involved with REAP which was organized in 1997.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

#### BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Member

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County Clerk

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Member