

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 9, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 9, 2007 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

Rich Hanley, Director of Department on Aging, presented the 2008 proposed area plan for Central Plains Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the Sedgwick County Chairman to sign the plan. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel has been contacted regarding the high voltage power line being installed by Westar in the western part of the county. The acquisition of easements is not going well.
2. Craig Simons has looked up the statutes and found that it is possible for a fire district and an ambulance district to be merged. However, the municipalities would have to give up their authority.
3. Commissioner Roberson reported that new CDDO for Harvey/Marion Counties is up and running. They now have insurance coverage for the employees. The next meeting will be July 11 in the Community Room.
4. It has been reported that the fence dispute between Matthews and pasture land leased by Neal Williams continues to be a problem. The Commission will look at possible solutions.

CALENDAR:

1. The Harvey County Fair parade will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 4, 2007.
2. The Commission will have an all day budget meeting on August 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
3. REAP will sponsor a tour of the WSU Engineering program for carbon fiber development on July 25 at 12:00 p.m.
4. The annual Farm Bureau Breakfast will be held at the Breadbasket on Monday, July 16 at 7:30 a.m.
5. The tour of the Ethanol Plant in Garnett is tentatively scheduled for July 27, 2007.

Minutes of the July 2, 2007 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

Courtney Becker, Director of Communications, and Don Gruver, Assistant Director, presented the 2008 Communications budget. One of the main goals of the department is to work to be better prepared for large scale incidents. The Commission will take the budget under advisement.

Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented a request by Builders Concrete to rezone 10 acres from A-1 Agricultural Zoning District to IDS, Industrial Development Service District. The property is located approximately one-half mile south of SE 96th Street on the east side of Old Highway 81. Richard Allen, owner of Builders Concrete, Stan Brodhagen, developer, Virgil Penner, Chamber of Commerce Director, and Kevin Winter, landowner, participated in the discussion. Builders Concrete is proposing to build a ready-mix satellite concrete plant at that location. The Harvey County Planning Board has met and approved of the zoning change by a vote of 10 yea, 4 nay, and 1 abstention. There were no citizen protests received by the County. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the application for zoning change. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Scott Davies presented a request by Richard Allen on behalf of Builders Concrete for a conditional use permit to construct a ready mix satellite concrete plant in the IDS, Industrial Development and Service zoning district. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the permit. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:25 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Jessie Kaye and Pam Burns, representatives from Prairie View, presented the proposed 2008 mental health budget request. The Commissioners will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Tina Payne, Director of Health Ministries, and John Torline, board member presented the 2008 Health Ministries budget. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Greg Nye, Harvey County Counselor, presented a proposal to conduct a tax foreclosure sale. The contract for the County Counselor includes a provision for payment of \$80 per hour for extra work such as this. Tax foreclosure sales have been contracted out in the past. Craig Simons will determine how many tracts will be involved and report back to the Commission.

CITIZENS FORUM:

1. Ruth Jacob informed the Commissioners that a new publication in Harvey County, The Harvey County Regional Weekly Journal, will be published once weekly starting August 2, 2007. The target area is Halstead, Sedgwick, and Burrtown.
2. Mrs. Jacob also talked to the Commissioners about the proposed route for the Westar high voltage power line. Westar has set up an office in Halstead for the purpose of acquiring easements. Mrs. Jacob has e-mailed Bob St. John, of Westar Energy, and invited him to come to Halstead to make a presentation to those landowners involved to explain what is planned and how it will progress. There has been conflicting information given from the people assigned to obtain the easements.
3. There will be a meeting in Bentley on July 18 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the possible

merger of the Eagle and Greeley Drainage District.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

There were no administrative items.

The Commission signed letters to be sent to certain businesses commending them for voluntarily participating in recycling efforts.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member