

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 4, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 4, 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 call from Carl Holland regarding an area at 48th and Spencer. There had been a previous complaint from that same area that the Township had dug out part of the ditch, but not all of it, resulting in Mr. Holland's driveway being underwater. Commissioner Roberson called Leo Stahly, an officer on the Township Board, and he assured her that they intend to extend the ditch.
2. Due to the Commission packet being mailed last week instead of being delivered, Commissioner Roberson did not receive it. There was a request that the packets be completed by late Thursday afternoon to make sure all the Commissioners receive the packet in a timely manner.
3. The Commission discussed the current personnel policies in regards to employees taking leave to care for aging parents. It was suggested that Harvey County Counselor Greg Nye review the personnel manual in regard to possible discrimination of paternity leave.
4. The Commissioners received a thank-you note from Health Ministries thanking them for their attendance at the open house.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. A retirement reception will be held for Mary Lou Abrahams who is retiring from the Treasurer's office after 27 years of service.
2. The Partnership meeting will be held at 7:00 a.m. on June 8, 2007 at Charlie's Restaurant.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21 Commission meeting. Chairman Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Lonnie Buller gave the Commission a summary of the flood damage in Harvey County, which occurred during the recent heavy rains. Mr. Buller met yesterday with representatives from the State of Kansas and from FEMA to assess the damage in regard to FEMA funds being made available. Alta and Halstead Townships received the worst damage, but Lakin, Macon, and Halstead Township all received damage. The south side of Centennial bridge has been repaired and any bridges on the north side of Harvey County West Park that have any debris that needs to be removed will be eligible for assistance. Township roads that have

- debris washed on them are also eligible for funding. There is a road inside West Park that will qualify for mitigation monies from FEMA; however the road may have to be moved in accordance with the mitigation rules. Mitigation funds are separate from the public funds. In order to qualify for FEMA funding the County will have to have approximately \$103,000 in damage, but it is believed that Harvey County will meet that criteria. After notification of when FEMA representatives will be meeting, Mr. Buller will send a letter to all the Townships so they will have a chance to meet with FEMA and report any damage that will qualify for funding. Harvey County is one of 14 counties in the state eligible for assistance.
2. Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, informed the Commissioners about mowing the grounds at the Transfer Station. Starting in 2003, we hired a retired county employee who did the mowing with county equipment. In 2006 we hired someone who mowed in trade for dumping his brush, however he was mowing late at night and not mowing regularly, waiting until the grass was very tall. In 2007, a contract service is mowing using their own equipment and they charge \$250.00 for each time they mow. With all the rain, they have been mowing about three times a month. The Commission agreed that to use a contract service is the best course of action.
 3. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to pay the REAP organization \$400 for fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 and \$200 for July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 for the water board. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 4. Craig Simons gave the Commissioners a map of the route that Westar Energy is going to use to install the high voltage power line.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen s Forum.

Warrant checks were approved for the past two weeks of May upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

Craig Simons, Administrator, presented the proposed 2008 County Commission budget. The amount budgeted for health insurance and retirement has increased because of projected increased costs in those areas.

Mr. Simons presented the proposed 2008 County Administration budget. The goals for the department are as follows:

1. Continue planning for the disposal of solid waste by County residents and businesses in a cost effective and environmentally sound manner.
2. Continue monitoring performance measures of Harvey County Departments.
3. Financially support the Health Ministries Community Health Center and Dental Clinic.
4. Pursue the expansion of the industrial and commercial base in Harvey County to enhance the tax base and provide well-paying jobs.

5. Improve the Harvey County website.
6. Formation of a new Community Developmental Disability Organization in Harvey and Marion Counties.

Commissioner Roberson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member