

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 11, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 11, 2007 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

Paul Ferguson, Poe and Associates Engineer, opened the bids for construction of the 2007 Overlay Project. The project is bituminous overlay for 4.1 miles of Burmac Road south of US Hwy 50. The proposed start date is July 23 and should take approximately 20 working days to complete. There were two bids received as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>	<u>5% Bid Bond</u>	<u>Addendum</u>
APAC-KS Inc.	\$440,288.44	Yes	Yes
LaFarge North Am	378,411.18	Yes	Yes

Mr. Ferguson will check the bids to make sure they meet specifications.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to move the 3:00 p.m. agenda item, approval of minutes, to 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the June 4 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

After checking the specifications of both of the bids for the overlay project, Paul Ferguson recommended the acceptance of the bid from LaFarge North America. The low bid of \$378,411.18 was accepted upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Quad County meeting will be held at Beaumont, KS on June 18. The Commission meeting will begin that day at 8:00 a.m. and the Commissioners will leave at 10:15 a.m. for Beaumont.
2. The Commissioners received an invitation to the Sem Material open house in Halstead on June 22.
3. The Prestressed Concrete open house will be held on June 28 at 4:00 p.m.
4. The Council of Governments meeting will be held in the Chamber Meeting Room on June 20th at 4:30 p.m.
5. An erosion specialist will be at Harvey County East Lake and West Park on June 26.
6. There will be a dedication of the Law Enforcement Memorial on July 2nd, in the evening.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to move the 3:15 agenda item, approval of warrant checks, to 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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

Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Director of the Harvey County Economic Development Council, informed the Commission that ICM, a privately held company based in Colwich, KS, is in the planning stages of building an ethanol plant in Harvey County. John Caffrey, representative from ICM, presented the plan for Emerald City Ethanol. This would be a 40 million gallon per year flagship plant with the newest technology available. The plant would provide approximately 35 new full-time high paying jobs with an approximate payroll of \$1.8 million. There is an expected total outpouring into the local economic pool of \$100 million, with a one-time impact of \$150 million and approximately 1,500 jobs during the 14 to 18 month construction phase. ICM will host a bus tour to an ethanol facility in Garnett, Kansas which will be a joint City/County meeting with public individuals permitted to attend also.

Craig Simons presented two contracts signed by Doug King of Quality Recycling with regard to the proposed Waste-to-Energy project. The contracts allow Quality Recycling six months to gather funding, not in excess of 5 million, for the project. Harvey County currently generates 31,000 tons of burnable solid waste per year; however the process would require 43,000 tons per year so solid waste from outside the county would be required. The contract also states that the County portion would not exceed 2.1 million. The contract stipulates that Quality Recycling would have ten years to use the plant as a demonstration facility. There are several contingencies, such as adequate water, financing, site preparation, and emission controls that will have to be met. Roy Patton, Director of Harvey County Solid Waste, stated that Kansas Statutes currently only allow the burning of solid waste in a three chambered unit. The regulations would have to be changed before the facility could be permitted. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept and have all three Commissioners sign the contract as presented. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

After reconvening at 1:15 p.m., Levi Goossen, Attorney, presented the budget for the Indigent Defense Panel. The panel is requesting that the budget be increased, allowing each panel member to have an increased monthly allowance. Brad Jantz, one of the Attorneys on the Defense Panel, stated that the cases they work require a great deal of time, which is not justified by the compensation. There has not been an increase in the amount of compensation for the Defense Panel in eight years. Bill Brown, also an Attorney on the Panel, stated that it is almost impossible to keep track of the time spent on these cases, and the case loads for indigents are continuing to increase. The Indigent Defense Panel was asked to redraft a new a new agreement and then come back before the Board next month.

There were no citizens present for Citizen s Forum.

Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning and Environmental Officer, presented the 2008 Planning & Zoning Budget. There is a proposed building permit fee increase from \$35.00 to \$50.00. Mr. Davies also presented the 2008 Environmental Planning budget, also with a proposal to raise permit fees. Sewer permit fees would be raised to \$100, well permit fees would be raised to \$50.00, and re-inspection fees for mortgage inspections would be raised to \$35.00.

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.

Margaret Hermstein, Register of Deeds, presented the 2008 Register of Deeds budget.

The Commissioners will take all presented budgets under advisement.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners signed forms from KDOT placing the Centennial Park Bridge on the five-year plan.
2. The City of Newton has made the decision to bid out the sanitation pickup to independent contractors, also allowing the City Sanitation Department to bid.
3. There is interest in setting up a new ambulance district and some preliminary steps are being taken. The district would include Sedgwick City, Sedgwick Township, Burrton City, Burrton Township, Halstead City, Halstead Township, Macon Township, Alta Township, and Lakin Township.

Commissioner Roberson moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member