

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 25, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 25, 2007 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Director of Harvey County EDC, presented the proposed 2008 budget for the Economic Development Council. Roger Ahrens, Dick McCall, Byron Warta, and Ray Penner attended the meeting also. The Commission will take the budget under advisement.

Minutes of the June 18 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Roberson reported that the new CDDO Board selection committee will be meeting tomorrow afternoon, even though Marion County has appointed only one of the two persons from Marion County to the committee.
2. Chairman Westfall reported that the 2008 proposed City/County Airport budget will include a request to double the appropriation from both the City and the County.
3. Eddie and John Weber met with Craig Simons, Commissioner Krehbiel, Marion Rowland, Director of Harvey County Parks, and Wilbert Bud Penner, Township Officer, regarding the lease of farm ground from the County.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel has received several calls from citizens regarding the possibility of a no smoking ban in public buildings in Harvey County. The only authority that the County would have is in the unincorporated areas. The cities would have to pass ordinances that would govern each city.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. An erosion specialist will be here on June 26 to look at the erosion problems at Harvey County East Lake and West Park.
2. There will be a meeting with the air management people in Topeka on June 27 at 10:30 a.m. regarding the proposed waste-to-energy project.
3. Doug King of Quality Recycling will come to Harvey County possibly in August to look at the site for the waste-to-energy project.
4. The public hearing for the 2008 budget will be tentatively scheduled on August 13, 2007. The all day meeting to finalize the budgets will be August 1, 2007.
5. The installation of the new curtain in the Community room will begin on Thursday, June 28.
6. The Prestressed Concrete Inc. anniversary celebration will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 28.

7. First bank of Newton will hold an open house at Military Park on Friday, June 29.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

There were no administrative items.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Byron Warta reported that he had attended a meeting at the Division of Water Resources. There was a study done on the Cheney Lake Creek bank erosion. The study results indicated that the additional silt that is coming into Cheney Reservoir is coming from bank erosion, not agricultural runoff.

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

No bids were received last week for the 10:00 a.m. scheduled bid opening for the South Kansas Avenue road sealing project. However, Ballou Construction submitted a bid at 11:30 a.m., believing the bid opening was to occur at 1:00 p.m. The County Counselor has reviewed state statutes regarding bid acceptance, and since this is the only bid submitted, has determined that it would be legal to accept the bid. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to waive the timing of the request for sealed bids for the roadway sealing, and Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Paul Ferguson, Engineer from Poe and Associates, opened the bid. The 5% bid bond was received as required. The proposed start date of the project is on or after September, 1, 2007, and is expected to take approximately 10 days. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the bid from Ballou Construction in the amount of \$295,000 for road sealing of six miles of South Kansas Avenue from SW 36th Street to 124th Street. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Scott Davies, Environmental Officer and Planning & Zoning Director, presented the Local Environment Protection Grant application which runs from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. This is the grant that funds the environmental program. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the application. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, presented the program for disposal of electronic waste. The proposed disposal costs are as follows:

Computer system (CPU, monitor, printer, Keyboard, mouse)	\$3.00
Laptop (with printer)	2.00
Televisions (6 to 13 ")	1.00
Televisions (15 to 32 ")	3.00
Anything over 32 "	7.00 minimum
	Or \$28/ton

Commissioner Krehbiel made the motion to approve the fees for the disposal of electronic waste, and Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Patton presented the proposed 2008 Harvey County Solid Waste budget. Because of increased costs to transfer solid waste to Reno County, there is a proposed increase of \$2.00 per unit of solid waste for solid waste fees. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to pass **Resolution No. 2007-18** setting a service fee for solid waste facilities, which will be increased by \$2.00, assessing the fee on real property owners, and setting the manner of collection of the solid waste fee. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Becky Noble, Harvey County Treasurer, presented the proposed 2008 Treasurer s budget. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to implement a charge of \$.50 for duplicate registrations and \$1.00 for record verification. These funds will be deposited in the mail fund account. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. The budget will be taken under advisement.

Randy Marshall, Chairman of the Harvey County Extension Council, presented the proposed 2008 Extension Council budget. Also attending were Mike Weber, Gail Lanier, Kristi Nattier, Scott Davies, Scott Eckert, Jonie James, Ann Religa, Susan Jackson, and Jenna Schippers. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept and authorize the chairman to sign the proposed 2008 Extension Council budget. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Following the lunch break, Greg Nye, Harvey County Counselor, updated the Commissioners on a pending court case.

Judge Richard Walker and Robin Becker, Clerk of the District Court, presented the 2008 District Court budget. The State Supreme Court is requiring that an imaging system be installed in District Court next year. The system will cost \$13,800. Jennifer Foster, Court Services, also presented a request for a computer software system to manage court cases at a price tag of \$9,000. The budget will be taken under consideration.

Jaci Reimer, Sedgwick City Administrator, J. R. Hatfield, Halstead City Administrator, Rusty Walter, Burrton City Mayor, and Jim, VanSchaick, Halstead Fire Chief, presented a proposal and funding request for a new ambulance district which will include the cities of Burrton, Halstead, and Sedgwick. The request will be taken under advisement.

Mindy Vogt from NRCS presented the 2008 proposed Conservation District budget. There has been concern that was taken off the list for consolidation into Sedgwick County Conservation District, however the Harvey County office will remain.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member