

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 19, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 19, 2007 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Reverend Vern Bender has notified Commissioner Roberson that a service commemorating the National Day of Prayer will be held on the front lawn of the Courthouse on May 3, 2007. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the northwest corner of the lawn. The Patriot Guard will be in attendance and Phill Kline, former Kansas Attorney General, will be one of the speakers.
2. The Harvey County Republican Party will meet in the Courthouse Community Room this evening at 7:00 to appoint a new Sheriff to fulfill the unexpired term of Sheriff Byron Motter, who is retiring.
3. A Council of Governments meeting will be held on March 29 in the Courthouse Community Room to discuss the collaborative on health issues.
4. A REAP/EDC meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. on March 26, 2007.

The minutes of the March 12, 2007 Commission Meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Marion Rowland, Director of Parks, introduced Ryan Rohr to the Commission. Mr. Rohr will be the new Supervisor at East Park and will live in the house at Camp Hawk.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2007-13** opposing the planned route by Westar Energy of a high-capacity transmission line to be constructed from northwest Wichita, through Harvey County to the Hutchinson area, and suggesting alternate routing of the high capacity transmission line. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roberson and passed unanimously.
3. Kathryn Hannemann, Director of Department on Aging, presented proposed revisions to the bylaws of the Harvey County Council on Aging. The first revision is in Article 1, Section 2 stating the council members shall serve three year terms beginning on July 1 and ending three years hence on June 30. Upon having served three consecutive terms, a member shall not be eligible for reappointment as a member of the Council for one year, at which time such a person shall be eligible to be appointed a member of the Council again. The second revision is in Article IV, Section 4. All officers shall be elected by the Council at the first regular meeting of the Council following July 1 of each year. To be eligible to be elected as an officer of the Council, a member shall have completed at least one year as a member of the Council. All officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. The terms of

officers shall begin at the close of the meetings at which they are elected.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the proposed changes of the by-laws. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

4. Upon the recommendation of Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, the Commission made the decision not to continue the burn ban.
5. There will be a reception held on Friday at 3:00 p.m. for Kathryn Hannemann, Director of Department on Aging, who has resigned her position.

CITIZEN S'FORUM:

There were no citizens attending the citizen s forum.

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

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Commissioner Roberson gave the Commission an overview of why and how the CDDO transition team was formed. A group of citizens came before the Commission in 2005 to express concern about the possible conflict of interest involved in Northview being both a service provider and the CDDO. There was concern that service needs were not being met. The CEO of Northview came before the Commission and assured them that the issues would be dealt with. Within a year the citizen s group came back before the Board with the same concerns. The Commission made a decision to form a task force to study the problems with the CDDO and the service provider being one and the same. The task force came to the unanimous decision that when the CDDO was also a service provider there was a definite conflict of interest. The decision was made to form a transition task force to look at how the CDDO should be chosen and how it should function. The transition task force was made up of seven voting members and three ex-officio members. Some of the issues that the group focused on was to make sure that there was adequate representation from all groups involved and that it would function as a quasi-governmental unit. They tried to balance the board with parents and guardians, service providers, independent case managers, and interested public. Commissioner Roberson, who served on the task force, presented **Resolution No. 2007-12** establishing the Harvey-Marion County Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO). After discussing the resolution with citizens who attended the meeting, no decision was reached. Those attending the meeting were Linda Goering, Executive Director of the Northview CDDO; Angela Miller, Chairman of Community Connections; and Robbin Allen and Jennifer Jantz, parents. Angela Miller, spoke as a provider, in favor of what the Transition Committee did, however did not agree with Section 2 of the joint resolution. Since the Commissioners had to leave for a lunch meeting in Hutchinson, the discussion was terminated until 2:30 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 3:45 p.m. to continue the discussion. Bill Gray, owner of TSS Inc, who is one of the area service providers, recommended that the resolution go back to the task force for amendments that would hopefully bring a consensus to all groups involved. There has been a lot of effort put in to this, but it is such an important issue that we need to reach an agreement that

would put to rest some of the fears of the dissenters. Lisa Joliff, Independent Case Manager, also attended the afternoon session. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to table this item until the committee can come back with a recommendation. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member