

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 7, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 7, 2007 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

Commissioner Krehbiel attended the Little Arkansas River Watershed meeting last week. They are trying to monitor the atrazine and phosphorus fertilizers that are going into the ground water. Commissioner Krehbiel also reported that in the last year there was a six foot drop in the water level of the equus beds.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be a public hearing held for the new Harvey/Marion County CDDO at the Marion County Courthouse on May 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., and at the Harvey County Courthouse on May 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
2. The Commissioners have been invited to an Earth Day celebration at Harvey County West Park on May 8.
3. A Kansas Collaborative meeting will be held on May 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Community Room. Dr. Fox from Lawrence, Kansas will present a program on the possibility of tobacco free public buildings in the County. All elected officials in Harvey County will be invited to attend.
4. There will be a Kansas County Commissioners Association meeting on May 10. John Carder, Hesston City Manager, Craig Simons, and John Waltner from Harvey County will be speaking.
5. The annual EDC banquet will be held at Cross Wind Conference Center on May 17, 2007.
6. Health Ministries will hold an open house from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 17.
7. The Commissioners will attend the presentation of an award from the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program to Hardwood Manufacturing in Burrton today at 4:00 p.m.

The minutes were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, will give an update on the Harvey County efforts to aid in the aftermath of the Greensburg tornado.
2. The Commission will defer looking at bridge projects until next Monday because of heavy rain and possible high water.
3. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to appoint Twyla Kovac to the Harvey County RSVP Advisory Council. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

4. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to correct the legal easement on a prior consent for annexation of a portion of Anderson Avenue by North Newton. There was a 15 ft. portion of utility easement that was left out of the original annexation request. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
5. The Commissioners received a copy of an article from Waste Age Magazine regarding flow control for solid waste.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Roland Funk questioned the Commission on the decision not to blacktop 36th St North from K-15 Highway east. The Commission considered hard surfacing the road, however the road does not fit the criteria established by the County for hard-surfacing roads. Connie Weber, resident that lives along the road, stated that this is a very heavily traveled road, and in addition is a school bus route. The road has some very bad washboards, and the residents want to see the County take on this project. Stan Guhr, another resident, said that in addition to the residents that live out there, there is an RV Park, a gas station, and a Golf Course that are located along the road that need to be taken into consideration. Commissioner Roberson read the criteria for County hard surface paving to the audience.

Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, gave the Commission an update on the assistance being sent from Harvey County to aid in the Greensburg tornado aftermath. Volunteers from the Halstead Fire Department, a Hesston EMS Unit, Newton Police officers, and Harvey County Sheriff's Department volunteers either have or will be assisting in the effort. Seven people from fire & EMS that have been trained in heavy rescue will travel to Greensburg this week.

Lonnie also reported that the rivers north of Halstead are not currently at flood stage.

At 10:00 a.m. a public hearing regarding Five-Year Federally Assisted Projects was held. Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, discussed the projects that are on the list. The public hearing was closed at 10:20 a.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel left the meeting at 10:20 to travel out of state.

T. W. Anderson, Manager of the Newton City/County Airport, presented a request for grant funding for airport improvement projects. The project is to provide a slurry seal treatment to all of the airport's asphalt taxiways west of Runway 17/35 and various approaches to the businesses located there. The qualified low bidder on the project was Inland Corporation in Norwich, KS. The total project cost is \$281,127.25 of which \$251,091.17 will be funded by the FAA. The local share of the cost, not to exceed \$35,000, will be born equally by the City of Newton and Harvey County. Chairman Westfall made a motion to approve the grant request and Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Phil Adams presented an estimate from Foley Equipment on the approximate value of two used Bomag rollers that the County plans to sell. The 1989 Bomag 118 AD is valued between \$4,500 and \$6,500, and the 1987 Bomag 120 AD is valued between \$4,000 and \$6,000. The cities of Halstead and Hesston are interested in purchasing the used rollers.

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

Craig Simons presented **Resolution No. 2007-14**, establishing speed limits and traffic control signs on south Osage Road, one hundred feet north of the intersection of southeast 60th St and South Osage Rd, and on South Osage Rd between Southeast 60th St and E 2nd St west of the City of Whitewater. Commissioner Roberson moved to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the resolution and Chairman Westfall seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Butler County and the City of Whitewater will be given a copy of the resolution in order for them to post the speed limit appropriately on the portion of the road that runs in Butler County.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to sign a general warranty deed conveying real estate along Sand Creek to the City of Newton for use in the Sand Creek Restoration Project. Chairman Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

After recessing for lunch, Commissioner Roberson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Chairman Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member