

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 13, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 13, 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 reported that the Veteran's Day parade on Saturday, November 10 was very well attended. She also attended the Sheriff's office K-9 demonstration on November 10 in the North Dillons Parking Lot. She was very impressed with the dogs.
2. Commissioner Westfall shared the Relay for Life booklet that included Greg Brenzikofer, Newton, KS, as a Kansas Region Heroes of Hope Profile of Courage 2007-2008 recipient. Mr. Brenzikofer is a Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma cancer survivor.
3. Commissioner Westfall attended the Newton Chamber partnership meeting last The retirement reception for Jim Heinicke, Newton City Manager, will be December 14 from 2-4 p.m. at Sand Creek Station.
4. The Corp of Engineers and City of Newton will release documents for bids for the Sand Creek bank restoration project in the near future.

Minutes of the November 5 Commission meeting and the November 9 canvass for the USD 373 mail ballot bond election were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend the Community Corrections Conference in Topeka November 27- 29.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The next REAP meeting is scheduled for December 10 at Sand Creek Station.
2. The KAC Conference will be November 19-21 at Century II Exhibit Hall in Wichita. Harvey County won the ACEC/Kansas County Public Improvement Award in the over 10,000 population category for the Bituminous Mill & Overlay, Roadway Construction and Parking Lot Construction Project and will receive an award at the luncheon. They have asked that an elected official and representatives from the Road & Bridge Department to attend. Commissioner Westfall will represent the county.
3. A Letter of Recognition was sent to the 4-H participants who finished first in the 2007 National 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A Letter of Recognition was prepared for Scott Eckert who coached them. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to sign and present the Letter of Recognition to Scott Eckert, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Jeff Cashion, Richland Township resident, spoke in opposition to the ban on smoking in public places in the unincorporated areas of Harvey County. He was joined by Gary Hite, Michael Hite, and Tom Hite, also of Richland Township. All spoke in opposition to the clean indoor air resolution. Commissioner Westfall stated that the commission had based its decision on a public health issue that second hand smoke is harmful. Commissioner Roberson said that the non smoking ban issue started when the commissioners looked at health issues and how they impact health insurance costs and how those costs might be reduced. The commission invited the Kansas Department of Health & Environment to visit with the Harvey County Health Collaborative several times to present their findings regarding the damaging effects of second hand smoke.

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

At 10:12 a.m. a public hearing was held to discuss the amendment of the 2007 Harvey County budget. There were no citizens present for the public hearing. John Waltner presented the proposed amended Harvey County budget which was published in the October 30, 2007 *Newton Kansan*. The proposed amendment addresses expenditures in the General Fund, the Solid Waste Fund, and the Capital Improvement Fund, but does not affect the mill levy. Commissioner Krehbiel moved to approve the Proposed Amended Budget, and Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. The public hearing closed at 10:19 a.m.

The Commission left to view the bridge guardrail on East First Street and county roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member