

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 8, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 8, 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 preliminary interviews for the position of Executive Director of the new CDDO Board will be held this evening.
2. Commissioner Roberson, Craig Simons, and Roy Patton attended a meeting with the Reno County Commission to discuss the addition of out-of-county trash being taken to the Harvey County Transfer station which in turn is transferred to the landfill in Reno County. The trash from Park City and from the Sedgwick County side of Sedgwick City is at issue. Commissioner Krehbiel stated that the Solid Waste Authority will meet on October 24 and the county plan could be changed at that time.
3. Commissioner Roberson inquired as to whether Harvey County submits information on employee service for the Kansas Association of Counties Government Service Award. Charlie Summers, Fiscal Officer, will determine whether this has been done in the past.
4. Mrs. Kenton Mathews has approached Commissioner Krehbiel regarding the fence dispute between the Mathews and Neal Williams on property near Walton. Mrs. Mathews had understood that the Commissioners would return to the site, however, the decision of the Commission was that they had no authority to require fencing along land not adjacent to the Mathews property.
5. Commissioner Westfall has received reports that the old KOEZ radio tower in Commission District #3 has no lights on it at the current time.
6. Commissioner Westfall attended the special meeting of the Airport Commission where an authorization to rent the north half of Hangar J was approved. The Hangar was leased to Air MD on a month-to-month two year lease. Four to five employees will staff the hangar which will be used for aircraft storage.
7. Commissioner Westfall attended a meeting with the City of Newton and representatives from Emerald City Ethanol regarding services that will be needed for the proposed Ethanol Plant. Emerald City is interested in the use of gray water from the City of Newton's water treatment facility.

Minutes of the October 1 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Aviation Commission meeting will be held October 15, 2007.
2. The monthly REAP meeting will be held on October 15, 2007 prior to the Commission meeting.
3. The REAP Economic Summit and 10th anniversary celebration will be held at the Airport Hilton in Wichita on October 19, 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Steve Bayless, Halstead Township Trustee, has contacted the Commission in response to the letter sent to the Township as to the required roadwork on Brown and Custer Streets in Halstead. Mr. Bayless has asked that the right-of-way be flagged before the work is started. The original agreement required that the work be done before the end of the Fall season.
2. Commissioners will receive a memo on the proposed employee wellness program which will be discussed next week. The new program will encourage smoking cessation, weight control, etc. Insurance premiums would be lower for those employees who do not smoke.
3. The Commission received a letter from Dr. Charles Craig, President of the Kansas Medical Society, endorsing a movement to implement clean indoor air ordinances by municipalities. This would not be a restriction on whether people choose to smoke, but rather where they would be allowed to smoke. The issue of Clean Indoor Air ordinances will be discussed at the regular Newton City Commission meeting this week. Other municipalities in the County will also discuss the issue.
4. Rita Flickinger, Director of the Harvey County Health Department, informed the Commission on the building updates recently done at the Health Department. New cabinetry was installed in exam rooms and the carpet was replaced throughout the building. Flu shots will be given at the Health Department at a cost of \$25.00.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

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

Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented the final plat for the Kisiwa Acres Subdivision in section 13 of Lakin Township. David Jones and Beth Ann Kingsley attended the meeting to hear the request. The Planning Commission considered the request at their meeting on October 5 and recommended the approval of the plat. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the plat as presented and authorize the Commission to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss courthouse security issues for a period of 20 minutes. Also in attendance during the executive session were Judge Richard Walker, Robin Becker, and Jennifer Foster. No action was taken during executive session which ended at 11:05 a.m.

The Commissioners left at 11:15 a.m. to view the 2007 overlay and micro-seal projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. by declaration of Chairman Westfall.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member