

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 22, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 22, 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 had an opportunity to talk with a commissioner from Pawnee County about bridge structures they use in that County. He is going to send her information on the box culverts they use.
2. Commissioner Roberson informed the Commission that Elizabeth Schmidt has been named director of the new CDDO. Ms. Schmidt has worked at SRS for many years.
3. Commissioner Westfall received a call from a citizen regarding the bridge on NW 96th near Mission Road. The bridge is in need of repair or replacement.
4. Commissioner Westfall suggested that Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, attend the Farm Bureau annual dinner and meeting to provide information about the new FEMA flood map for Harvey County.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall and Roy Patton, Director of Harvey County Transfer Station, will be speaking at the Lions Club this evening about the Waste-to-Energy program.
2. The annual Farm Bureau dinner and meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on October 29.
3. The Commissioners have been invited to attend the 4-H banquet on November 3.
4. The County Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14 instead of Monday as the Courthouse will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.
5. The Quad County meeting will be held on December 3 at 11:45 a.m.
6. The annual Township dinner and meeting at the Road and Bridge Department will be held on December 3 at 6:30 p.m.
7. The employee Christmas luncheon will be held on December 10 at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes of the October 15 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Craig Simons reported that the electronics recycling day was very successful. They collected 2 1/3 30-yard containers full of electronic equipment for recycling. The recyclables will be transferred to the Leavenworth Prison where they will be disassembled for recycling.
2. Craig Simons has met with Don Rogers, representative of Stutzman Refuse in

regard to the disposal of Park City trash. Reno County has agreed to allow trash from Park City to be transported to the Reno County Landfill. Mr. Rogers will contact Sedgwick County to work out all the legal details. There will be a limit of 15 tons per week on this trash.

3. County Counselor Greg Nye is in the process of hiring three appraisers to appraise the land with regard to the bridges built on Ridge Road. The original appraisal was done incorrectly. The judge will have to approve the three appraisers.
4. Commissioner Roberson and Commissioner Westfall will attend the KAC meeting on Monday and Tuesday only. Commissioner Krehbiel will not attend.
5. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to pay half of a repair bill to replace a damaged water valve located on 24th Street west of East Lake Road near the entrance to the nature trail. The valve was damaged when the area was being mowed last summer. Harvey County Rural Water District #1 will pay the other half. Each entity will pay \$260.53. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. There will be a Department Head meeting Thursday, October 25 to discuss the employee health insurance plan for 2008. The health insurance rates have increased 9% and the self-funded dental insurance premium will increase also.
7. The City of Newton has received a tax abatement request from Bunting Magnetics.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Mike Weber attended the meeting to ask when the fence replacement would be done on fence that was taken down during the bridge replacement on Ridge Road. The County will send Mr. Weber a letter with a copy of the original agreement which states how the County will pay if he wants to replace the fence himself.

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

Scott Davies presented the Commission with additional information regarding the new flood map. Kenny Cook, a representative of Garber Surveying was in attendance also. Mr. Davies will meet with Garbers on October 30 to make sure the maps are correct. Commissioner Roberson asked if landowners might be able to get a better price if they had their property surveyed at the same time the County has the elevations reviewed. Each landowner would be responsible for pay for their land being surveyed. Commissioner Roberson made a suggestion to have a representative from the State Department of Water Resources come to the meeting that will be scheduled with the landowners.

Craig Simons presented the first reading of a clean air ordinance. Rita Flickinger and Cookie Wiebe of the Health Department attended. The Commission reviewed and discussed each section of the proposed ordinance. The final ordinance will be effective at the first of the year.

Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented a request to rezone approximately 65 acres from an R-S, Rural Single Family Dwelling District. The property is located at the northwest corner of I-135 and K-196. Notification to adjacent property owners were sent on October 4 and no protest petitions were filed. The Planning Commission has met and voted to recommend approval of the request with a vote of 10 aye and 0 nay. Ed Roberts of Real Estate Resources has contacted KDOT regarding access to the site. Commissioner Roberson moved to approve the zoning request and Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member