

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 17, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 17, 2007 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel has gotten several calls and comments from citizens that are supportive of the Commission's decision on the ethanol plant.
2. Commissioner Roberson also has had citizens that have expressed their support of the Commission's decision.
3. Commissioner Roberson received a call from the veterinarian from Hesston who was very upset about having received only 50% of the payment for services for boarding a pit bull that was seized by the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff's office has made the decision to pay the remainder of the bill.
4. Chairman Westfall also received many favorable comments in support of the ethanol plant decision.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Craig Simons presented an agreement from the BNSF Railway Company for the installation of crossing signals with gates on Hoover Road north of 84th St. Harvey County is responsible for all traffic control signs on Township Roads. Harvey County would pay for and install advance railroad crossing signs. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to sign letters to be sent to the Halstead Township Board referring to the almost impassible condition of Oak and Custer Streets, north of the City of Halstead across the Little Arkansas River. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Chairman Westfall as the voting delegate to the KAC, with Craig Simons as the 1st alternate and John Waltner as the 2nd alternate. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. John Waltner presented the results of the sales tax distribution in Harvey County from December 2006 through August, 2007. The distributions are as follows:

	<u>Burrton</u>	<u>Halstead</u>	<u>Hesston</u>	<u>Newton</u>
Original 1% Tax	\$63,153.64	\$168,472.22	\$242,335.70	\$1,307,013.45
Special 1% Tax	<u>51,573.69</u>	<u>137,657.35</u>	<u>198,222.13</u>	<u>1,891,106.92</u>
Total	\$114,727.33	\$306,129.57	\$440,557.83	\$3,198,120.37

	<u>N Newton</u>	<u>Sedgwick</u>	<u>Walton</u>	<u>County</u>
Original 1% Tax	\$98,314.59	\$99,403.28	\$17,899.29	\$970,835.01
Special 1% Tax	80,489.04	81,227.49	14,622.45	515,447.17
Total	\$178,803.63	\$180,630.77	\$32,521.74	\$1,486,282.18

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend a Community Corrections Meeting held on Wednesday, September 19, 2007.
2. The City of Newton is sponsoring a community workshop to discuss the future of the I-135 corridor and the south side of Newton to be held on September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Community Church.
3. A Ribbon Cutting at Asbury Park Greenhouse will be held Tuesday, September 18 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
4. There will be a ribbon cutting for the newly-renovated gallery at the Harvey County Historical Museum on October 5 at 4:00 p.m.
5. The Newton Area Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 27 at the V.F.W.
6. The Commissioners will travel to Lyons, KS on September 20 to tour the Horse Arena and Event Center and view some of the bridges built in Rice County.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no items for Citizen's Forum.

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

David Yoder, Harvey County Attorney, and Sharon Arellano, Director of Data Processing, presented a detailed description of proposed software for the Harvey County Attorney's Office. The software is an organizing and tracking system for all court cases that go through the County Attorney's Office. If purchased before the end of the year, there is a federal grant that would pay for some of the costs. The cost of the software is as follows:

Licensing (need 8 licenses)	\$14,400	(grant would pay \$10,800)
Set up and installation	4,000	(grant would pay \$ 4,000)
Training	9,000	(Plus transportation, Room & Board)
Annual maintenance & support	4,360	
Hook up to District court	800 – 1,000	

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to allow the County Attorney's Office to purchase the Full Case Software Program. The County will pay half the cost of the software, installation and training fees, and authorize the County Attorney to sign the contract. The County Attorney agreed to pay half the costs from the County Attorney Diversion Fund. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. John Waltner suggested that the information regarding this software and federal grant be made available to the Kansas Collaborative.

Roy Patton, Director of Harvey County Landfill, presented a request from Park City to transport

their trash to the Harvey County Landfill. Park City is planning to implement a recycling program. Mr. Patton stated that although we now charge \$37.00 per ton for out of county trash, we need to possibly raise that to \$41.00 per ton to accommodate today's transportation costs. We would also have to go before a quorum of the Regional Solid Waste Authority because this would be an amendment to the regional solid waste plan. Commissioner Roberson made a motion that upon the approval of the Regional Solid Waste Authority and the approval of the Reno County Landfill that Harvey County would sign a one year contract with Park City to accept their trash at a cost of \$41.00 per ton and \$5.00 per ton for container recyclables. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Patton reported that 14.74 tons of electronic wastes have been delivered to the prison at Leavenworth for disposal.

John Waltner updated the Commissioners regarding the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program, in which Harvey County was a pilot participant. To date Harvey County residents have saved \$154,599.52.

The Commissioners left at 11:15 a.m. to attend the Quad County meeting at Dyck Arboretum in Hesston.

After returning from the Quad County meeting, Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session at 2:30 p.m. for a period of 30 minutes. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Citizens Mike Weber and Mark Sizelove were also in attendance at the executive session. At 3:05 p.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to extend the session for a period of 10 minutes. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 3:20 p.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member