

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 24, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 24, 2007 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. The Commissioners received a letter from Nancy Parsons who voiced objection to law enforcement high speed chases. The Harvey County Sheriff's office was recently involved in two pursuit chases which resulted in the destruction of two county vehicles. There were no injuries involved, but Commissioner Roberson asked what rules and regulations are in place to protect officers and citizens when officers are involved in pursuits of this type.
2. Commissioner Westfall received a thank you note from the Newton Chamber of Commerce thanking the Commissioners for working in the booth at the Kansas State Fair.
3. Bill Hake, who is working with a group that is promoting the School Bond Issue for USD No. 373, has asked Commissioner Westfall if the Commission would pass a resolution of support for the issue. The Commission declined to do this, leaving the decision to be made by the voting citizens in the District.
4. The County was approached about using Newton Bucks instead of the County gift certificates that are given to Harvey County employees as a Christmas gift. It was decided to continue to give the gift certificates because they are not limited to Newton, but can be used countywide.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be a special Aviation Commission meeting October 1, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the possible rental of one of the larger hangars at the Airport.
2. The Kansas Renewable Energy Conference will be held in Topeka on September 25 and 26, 2007.

Minutes of the September 17 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

Minutes of the September 10 meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners signed the certification of the voting delegate and alternate for KWORCC. Commissioner Roberson is the designated voting delegate and Commissioner Westfall is the alternate.

2. The Commissioners signed a thank you letter to be sent to Rice County for their hospitality when the Harvey County Commissioners toured the Lyons Horse Barn and Event Center and viewed some of the bridges in Rice County.
3. Doug King and Gene McCracken of Quality Recycling will arrive in Harvey County September 25. Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, and Craig Simons will accompany them to Kansas City on September 27 to meet with the EPA regarding the Waste-To-Energy project. They will meet with Emerald City Ethanol on September 26. Mr. King has traveled to Washington D.C. and had a meeting with his Congressman in addition to Todd Tiaht, United States Representative from this district.
4. The Reno County Commission will meet on October 2, 9, and 10 to review the request from Park City to transfer their trash to the Harvey County Transfer Station which will in turn transport the trash to the Reno County Landfill. Harvey County has asked for permission to transport trash from the Sedgwick County side of the City of Sedgwick.
5. The Commission has received notification from Tina Payne, Health Ministries Clinic Director, that the Health Ministries Clinic is officially a Federally Qualified Health Center Look Alike entity.

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.

Rhonda Gnatowski, Solid Waste Clerk, presented the 2006 delinquent Solid Waste fees to the Commission. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to pass **Resolution No. 2007-22** certifying delinquent 2006 solid waste fees to the Harvey County Clerk for collection. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Lisa Beachy, Interim Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, presented the 2008 Application for Senate Bill 14 Risk Reduction Initiative in the amount of \$114,482.50. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Ms. Beachy also presented the statewide performance measures for Community Corrections for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the measures. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session at 10:34 a.m. for a period of 26 minutes to discuss legal matters with regard to land acquisition. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session was Phil Adams, Superintendent of the Road & Bridge Department; Jim Meier, Engineering Technician at Road & Bridge; Greg Nye, Harvey County Counselor; John Waltner, Special Projects Director; and Charlie Summers, Fiscal Officer. At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to

extend the session for five minutes. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 11:07 a.m. with no action being taken.

Commissioner Krehbiel, upon the recommendation of legal counsel, made a motion to hire three new appraisers to appraise the land for acquisition for the bridge replacement on Ridge Road. The judge recommended that the land be reappraised because the original appraisers did not follow appraisal instructions. Legal counsel will also inquire if the judge would issue an order for the original appraisal firm to refund the fees paid. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Scott Davies, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented results of a study done on groundwater in the vicinity of the septic system and lateral fields at the Harvey County West Park in 2005. The study was paid by grant funds. No detectable concentrations of formaldehyde or acetaldehyde were reported for any groundwater sample. The testing that occurred after the July 4th holiday showed that fecal coliform numbers were greatly reduced from the off season testing. It is suggested that during the off season, the bacteria in the septic system becomes inactive, as opposed to the high usage times where the flushing of the system activates the bacteria.

Roy Patton, Director of the Harvey County Transfer Station, presented information on an e-waste clean up project sponsored by Heartland Technology Solutions, owned by N. M. Patton. The e-waste disposal will be available to only Harvey County residents and businesses. The public will bring e-waste to the Heartland Technology Solutions facility on West Broadway on October 19 and 20. Hank Yoder, representing Stutzman's Refuse, stated that they will provide metal containers for the waste, labor, and transportation. The e-waste will then be taken to the Leavenworth Prison for recycling. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to waive the tipping fee for the e-waste for those two days. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 11:45 a.m. for lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Chairman Westfall. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member