

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 6, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 6, 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 attended the meeting of the Little Arkansas Watershed District held on August 2. It was reported that from Feb 20 to June 30 of this year the Little Arkansas River took in 113,766 tons of sediment. There are various options being discussed to help control the silt.
2. Craig Simons asked for an executive session to discuss economic development in regards to the ethanol plant.

Minutes of the July 30 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

CALENDAR:

The Commissioners will participate in the Old Settlers Parade in Halstead on Saturday, August 11.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Rich Hanley, Director of Department on Aging, presented an agreement to continue the operation and maintenance of the Central Plains Coordinated Transit District #12 which includes Butler, Harvey, and Sedgwick Counties, and the Paratransit Council, Inc. The agreement is updated with the new Paratransit Council. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the agreement as updated and authorize the Chairman to sign. Rich Hanley will be the designated voting representative from Harvey County. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Craig Simons presented a new agreement with the Sedgwick County Housing Authority with regard to funding rental and utility assistance for very low and extremely low income families. The jurisdiction covers Butler, Harvey, and Sedgwick County outside the boundaries of the City of Wichita. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept the agreement with Harvey County paying an amount of \$1,289.00, which is based on the number of families receiving assistance.
3. The Health Department has done an inspection on a property at 212 N. Commercial in Sedgwick. The property was found to be in violation of K.S.A. #65-159 sanitary code, and has been declared unfit for human habitation.

CITIZEN’S FORUM:

Don Rogers from Stutzman Refuse Service addressed the Commission regarding the trash pick-up in the City of Newton. The City is accepting bids for trash pick-up, and all bids must be received by August 31, 2007. Harvey County will request that regardless of who receives the bid award, the trash be taken to the Harvey County Landfill. Mr. Rogers wanted to touch base with the Commission and let them know that Stutzman Refuse wants what is best for the County and the City of Newton.

Commissioner Roberson moved to go into executive session at 9:30 a.m. for a period of 20 minutes to discuss economic development. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to extend the session to 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The session ended at 10:00 a.m. with no action being taken.

The Commissioners heard a fence dispute from Mr. & Mrs. Kenton Mathews of 5415 NE 48th Street. There was a fence dispute in 2006 between the Mathews and the owners of the Sattler property adjacent to their property. At that time the Commission required that a fence be constructed between the two properties. The cattle are now getting loose through a boundary that runs between the Sattler property and a Ruth Entz property. Neal Williams attended the meeting as representative of the Sattler property. Livestock continues to get loose and damage the Mathews property. There is an electric fence that borders the Sattler property, but the fence has been knocked down in places. Mr. Williams stated that he plans to fence the property a little at a time. The west boundary will be fenced by next Spring and the east boundary will be repaired the year after that. After review of State Statutes, the Commission determined that the only property fence that can be considered is the fence directly bordering the Mathews property. The Commission does not have the authority to require fencing property that is not adjacent to the Mathews property. The Sheriff needs to be contacted if cattle are running loose, and damages occur.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member