

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 20, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 20, 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 City Council meeting in Burrton last Monday regarding the tax abatement for Steve Lang Hardwoods. The Council voted to approve the abatement.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that there was an article in the Hutchinson News regarding a 9 point drop in the mill levy for Rice County. One of the factors is that they replaced several bridges with low water bridges which only cost \$20,000 to \$25,000. The Commission will contact Rice County to discuss this and possibly look at the bridges that were replaced.

CALENDAR:

1. The CDDO meeting will be held today at 4:00 until 5:30.
2. There will be an Aviation Commission meeting today at 4:00 p.m.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend the Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections meeting on Friday.

Minutes of the August 13 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

Minutes of the August 14 joint City/County Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The 10:00 agenda item regarding the final plat of the Kisiwa Addition will be tabled until a later date.
2. The Commission has received a letter from Virgil Penner, Director of the Newton Chamber of Commerce, requesting help to man the booth at the Kansas State Fair. Commissioners Krehbiel and Roberson will staff the booth in the morning on Friday, September 14.
3. The Halstead City Council will conduct a public hearing on a tax abatement request for Legg Company on August 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
4. The Commission discussed the possible amendment of **Resolution No. 1995-11** regarding discussion items and how they are handled during Citizen s Forum.
5. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to waive the one week waiting period and to authorize the Chairman to sign the reappointment of Steve Rudiger to the Harvey County Parks Advisory Board. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen s Forum.

Craig Simons informed the Commission that one of the efforts of the Kansas Collaborative Program is in regards to transportation. Norm Bowers has been appointed to represent this area and inform local governments when KDOT is bidding out a project in their area. Local governments can receive a better price on their projects when KDOT is already going to be in the area.

The Commission received information about the projects that will be included in the upcoming USD 373 bond issue. A mail-ballot election will be held on November 6, 2007.

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

The Commission received information on the Santa Fe Chapter of the Highway 50 Association. This is an organization which advocates for Highway 50 to be a major trade route that connects southwest Kansas with other state and federal highways and work with other groups that will work to improve, upgrade and enhance the Highway as a major trade route. The head office is located in Garden City. The cost to join is \$1,000 and no dues thereafter. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to table any action taken on this issue until further information is obtained. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

John Carder, Hesston City Manager, presented a request for an island annexation by Don Typer requesting a tract of land in Section 17, Township 22, Range 1W be annexed. The property is west of Hesston. After discussion, Commissioner Roberson made a motion that since the annexation would not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area in accordance with K.S.A. 12-520c, the annexation be approved. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member