

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 7, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 7, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Roberson reported that she attended a luncheon to discuss funding for at-risk developmentally disabled children aged birth to two years. The Kansas Department of Health & Environment passed a mandate which requires that services be extended to this group. USD #373 is currently providing the service for this mandate and is seeking funding to support it. They currently receive funds from the state for children aged 3-5, but not 0-2. Some of the other school districts in the County are not willing to accept this service as their responsibility. Chairman Krehbiel has received several calls regarding this issue and has advised those people to come before the Commission to discuss it.
2. Commissioner Westfall received a call regarding a drainage problem at 6601 E. First. The water flow there has washed the dirt away and there are buried phone lines that have been exposed. Phil Adams, Superintendent of Road & Bridge will check into this.

Minutes of the March 31, 2008 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Chairman Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

There were no additions or corrections to the calendar.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, presented a proposal for the purchase of a new Bobcat. The Bobcat that is currently being used has been welded and repaired twice and there are no guarantees that the repair will hold. Bids were obtained from the following:
 - Whitestar Machine – Diesel, 75HP Bobcat with 2,500 pound lift capacity, \$25,543 plus \$2,783 for Grapple Bucket.
 - Victor L. Phillips Company – Diesel, 80 HP Case 445 with 2,500 pound lift capacity, \$30,000 plus \$2,783 for Grapple Bucket.The Commission suggested that the Bobcat that has been welded be used at the C&D area, leaving the new machine at the Transfer Station. A Bobcat 753 that is currently being used at the Transfer Station will be placed at the Recycling Center. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to proceed with the purchase of a

- new Bobcat from Whitestar Machine. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Bob Cheney, Director of Noxious Weeds, submitted a proposal to increase the fee charged to Townships and KDOT for the County to spray for noxious weeds. The increase would be used to compensate for rising fuel costs. The Noxious Weed Department currently charges \$3.00 per acre and \$30.00 per hour for spot spraying for the Townships. The proposed new rate is \$4.00 per acre and \$40.00 per hour for spot spraying. The contract with KDOT for 2007 authorized charges of \$30.00 per hour for equipment and \$25.00 per man per hour. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the proposed rate increase for Townships and also authorize the Chairman to sign a contract agreement with KDOT for the spraying of their roadways at a cost of \$35.00 per hour and \$30.00 per hour per employee. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session at 10:00 a.m. for a period of 30 minutes to discuss land acquisition. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 10:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

Ryan Rohr, Park Ranger at East Lake and Camp Hawk, and Marion Rowland, Director of Parks presented the Parks 2007 annual report. The usage of the Parks has gone down some in comparison with 2006. Rising fuel costs may be a factor.

Phil Adams, Superintendent of the Road & Bridge Department, presented a quote from Poe & Associates to conduct the 2008 biennial bridge inspections in Harvey County. There are 288 bridges to be inspected. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept the quote from Poe & Associates for bridge inspections for 2008 in the amount of \$28,160.80. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Adams presented information for the purchase of an RG-72 Rotary Grader Attachment that would be used to mill asphalt. The attachment is built to fit on a motor grader. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the purchase of the RG-72 Rotary Grader Attachment. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall asked Mr. Adams to check the drainage issue at 6601 E. 1st Street. In addition he will check the ditch cleanout at Meridian & Dutch Avenue near Becker Cabinet Shop.

Commissioner Roberson mentioned that she has tried to contact Pam Brown regarding road

maintenance in front of her property in Halstead Township. Steve Bayless, Township Trustee, has committed to put some rock on the road.

Craig presented the recommendations for the Breech Impact Area Advisory Committee. The committee would be made up of the Planning & Zoning Director, Scott Davies; a Planning Commission member; two property owners; and a watershed district member. This would make a committee of five voting members. Greg Nye, Harvey County Counselor, and Mindy Vogt, Harvey County Conservation District Manager will serve as ex-officio members. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to appoint the following members to the Breech Impact Area Advisory Committee: Scott Davies, Planning & Zoning Director, will serve as the Chairman of the committee; Ron Peters, Planning Commission member; Boyd Rodeman and Wade Brubacher, property owners, and Bill Hamm from the Sandcreek Watershed District. Greg Nye and Mindy Vogt will serve as ex-officio non-voting members. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Westfall asked that the notices for the meetings be publicly announced.

Sharon Arellano, Director of Data Processing, presented information on the development of the Harvey County website. She has looked at software from Ektron, which comes very highly recommended, but she will obtain quotes from other companies before a decision is made.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

The Commissioners will travel to Liberal on April 29th to tour the event center there.

Chairman Krehbiel made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Roberson to the CDDO Board. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The Commission will appoint representatives to the EDC Board and the Aviation Commission at a later date.

Rita Flickinger, Terry Bourlard, and Jennifer Whiteside, representatives from the Harvey County Health Department, presented information regarding a plan to immunize school age children against influenza next year. Representatives from FluMist, the Company who will supply the intranasal vaccine, explained the process to the Commission. Mr. Bourlard has met with all the school districts and most have been receptive. There is some concern about adding to the workload of the school nurses.

Information was given the Commissioners regarding the redevelopment district that is being set up by the City of Newton with regard to the Hotel and Convention Center to be constructed north of Broadway east of Interstate I-135.

Chairman Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. Commissioner Roberson

seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member