

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 28, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 28, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. There will be a follow-up aviation meeting at 4:00 p.m. today to finish business from last Monday's meeting.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel attended a Regional Solid Waste meeting where changes submitted by Harvey County were approved. These changes include the disposal of trash from Park City.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel met with Randy Riggs, the newly appointed Newton City Manager. Mr. Riggs was formerly the City Manager in Chanute, Kansas, where they have a coal-fired cement kiln to burn mostly coal and petroleum waste products. They burn 600 tons of coal per day to power a 16' X 180' rotating kiln that burns at 3,200 degrees. They have been able to cut their coal consumption by 20% by burning petroleum waste.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. April 29 - Tour of buildings at Kansas State Fairgrounds. Commissioners will leave at 8:45 a.m.
2. April 29 - RSVP Banquet at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend.
3. April 29 - EDC banquet at Sand Creek Station, 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Roberson and Westfall will attend.
4. May 1 - Mayors Prayer breakfast at the Red Coach Inn at 7:00 a.m.
5. May 2 - Commissioners leave at 7:30 a.m. to travel to Liberal to view the Community Center there.
6. May 9 - Northern Flyer Alliance to give status update on Passenger Rail Expansion in Kansas - 20th Century Center in Wichita, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
7. May 9 - Commissioner Roberson will be a presenter at the Kansas Association of Counties meeting in Junction City. She will be speaking on "Clean Air Ordinances."

Minutes of the April 21, 2008 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Craig Simons sent a letter to Tom Morey at the Division of Water Resources at the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The letter addresses discrepancies found by Garber's Surveying when they spot checked elevations in relation to elevations listed on the new FEMA flood maps. Many of the sites checked were in

agreement, however, some differed substantially. A response from Mr. Morey has not yet been received.

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 Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Greg Nye, Harvey County Counselor, reported on the hearing that was held last week with two property owners and three appraisers that have been appointed in an appeal of a court ruling appraising eminent domain in the construction of two new bridges on Ridge Road north of 12th Street in 2006. The appraisers will view the property and then submit their findings to the Board. Commissioner Westfall made a motion for Mr. Nye to draft an agreement to not remove designated cedar trees and designated Walnut trees off the right of way for the 2004 bridge project. The agreement will be signed at a later date by the Commission. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Bob Meyer, Newton City Attorney, presented an update on the proposed Hotel/Conference Center and the proposed YMCA. The property that has been chosen for the site of the Hotel/Conference Center is on the north side of Broadway on the east side of I-135. The Conference Center would be owned by the City of Newton and the hotel would be privately owned. Both would have the same type of design and be built at the same time and the Hotel developers are interested in operating the Conference Center.

The Conference Center is proposed to be a 10,000 to 14,000 sq. ft. facility that could be divided into three separate rooms and could accommodate just over 500 people. The approximate cost is in excess of three million dollars. To finance the Center, the City would create a Tax Increment Financing re-development district.

The hotel facility would be similar to a Holiday Inn Express, Fairfield Inn, or Hampton Inn. It would be a three story building with 70 to 80 guest rooms, with 30 of the rooms designed as suites with a kitchenette.

Tim Johnson, representative from the City of Newton, updated the Commission with regard to the survey that was conducted by FourSquare Research, Inc. to determine whether a new recreation center, possibly a YMCA, should be built in Newton. 600 surveys were completed which included respondents from all of Harvey County plus Valley Center and Park City. Three location possibilities were presented with the most favorable location being on South Kansas Ave. Most respondents prefer a YMCA as opposed to a new Newton Recreation Center.

Revised purchasing procedures for the County were presented to the Commissioners. This includes procedures for purchases greater than \$300 and purchases less than \$300. The Commissioners requested that the revisions be clarified further. They will be brought back before the board next week.

T.W. Anderson, manager of the Newton City/County Airport, presented a request that the

County support the resolutions passed by the City of Newton to surface the compass pad and make taxiway improvements at the Airport. The County would be responsible for one-half of the sponsor's cost of the improvements, not to exceed \$50,000. The remainder of the project would be paid for with grant funds from the FAA. Only one bid for the project was received and it exceeded the engineer's estimate. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to recommend the bid and the grant to the City Commission if the Contractor is willing to meet the estimate. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to appoint George Krevins to the Aviation Commission Board as a County representative. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the reappointment of Byron Warta and Ray Penner, and the appointment of Dennis LaFevre to the EDC Board. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The Commission left at 11:30 a.m. to view the Community building at Camp Hawk. The building is similar to the building that will be constructed at West Park.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member