

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 4, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 4, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. The Commissioners will participate in the Halstead Old Settler's Day Parade on Saturday, August 9. They will ride in Commissioner Krehbiel's truck.
2. Commissioner Westfall suggested that Harvey County look at a new cell phone policy for employees who use cell phones for both work and personal use. There was an article in the Hutchinson News regarding the same issue in Reno County.

CALENDAR:

- Public Building Commission meeting – Charlie's Restaurant, August 5, 12:00 p.m.
- Flood Plain Management public hearing – CH Community Room, August 7, 2:00 p.m.
- Bid opening for West Park Community Bldg, Commission Room, August 6, 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the July 28, 2008 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Craig presented two engineering agreements between Harvey County and Poe & Associates, one for the bridge on Burmac Road and the other for Schaben Court Road. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement in the amount of \$65,000 for the bridge on Burmac Road. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for engineering services for Schaben Court Road in the amount of \$45,000. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the notice of award to Beachner Construction for the 2008 roadway sealing project. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the notice of award to Brown and Brown Inc. for the cold in-place recycling project on Old Trail Road. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. Greg Nye, County Counselor, has received word from Mike Weber that he has agreed to the County's proposal with regard to eminent domain proceedings for the replacement of two bridges on Ridge Road. The County has still not reached an agreement with Mark Sizelove who will be sending another letter to the Commission.

5. Counselor Nye reported that the cul de sac land was acquired that needs to be in place before proceeding with the upgrade and maintenance of Chisholm Trail Lane.

The Commissioners received information regarding cell phone policies that are being studied in Reno County. There was a question on last week's warrant checks regarding a bill for the purchase of a cell phone for employee personal use as well as county business use. This would be paid by the County and then reimbursed by the employee over a period of time. The Sheriff's office has had a standing policy for 17 or 18 years where employees can purchase guns, holsters, etc. through government contracts and then repay the County. There are currently eight people that are paying for items through this program. The Commissioners agreed to release the check for payment and then look at whether the county policy needs to be changed.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

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

Craig Simons presented **Resolution No. 2008-17** requesting Harvey County, Kansas Public Building Commission to issue revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$915,000 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the cost to acquire a site for county fairground purposes in Harvey County, Kansas. The project would likely include a year round equestrian center, event center, and offices that may house both the Extension Office and the local Conservation District. It may be possible to move some of the buildings located at the current fairgrounds to the new location. The time frame proposed is that the 2009 year would be used for planning, and final decisions and architectural drawings would be produced in 2010. The bonds for the detention center pay off in 2011 and no payments on the fairgrounds should come due before 2012. The County would approach the City of Newton with an agreement to provide services and utilities and would also ask that Harvey County be allowed to receive all taxes on any commercial buildings that might be built there. This would be used to repay the bond. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Craig Simons presented **Resolution No. 2008-18** endorsing passenger rail service in the 10-year state-wide comprehensive transportation program. Commissioner Roberson expressed concern about the county having to fund the program. Commissioner Westfall pointed out that one of the County's District State Representative's names was left off the resolution. The resolution will be corrected and presented again next week.

Chad Frey of the Newton Kansan is going to set up some political forums in Burrton, Halstead, and Hesston areas before the November General Election.

Chairman Krehbiel adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member