

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 11, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 11, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

The Commissioners discussed the outcome of the public meeting held last week regarding the new FEMA flood maps. Representatives from FEMA were at the meeting to answer questions. Commissioner Westfall suggested that the appeal deadline be published in the county newspapers to alert the public.

CALENDAR:

The monthly CDDO meeting time will be changed from 4:00p.m. to 4:30p.m.

Minutes of the July 30, 2008 meeting and the August 8, 2008 election canvass were corrected and approved and the minutes of the August 4, 2008 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Steve Racussen from Bio-Gold will present a contract proposal during the Commission meeting next week. The first phase of the proposal is for Bio-Gold to build a system at the Harvey County Transfer Station to produce refuse derived fuel by autoclaving trash. This fuel would then be used to provide energy to the ethanol plant. The second phase of the proposal would be to convert synthetic gas into fuel by a gasification process and the third phase would be to produce acidic acid which is the base for plastics. The Commissioners will hold a public meeting on Monday evening, August 18 to present information on this system to the public. It is unknown when construction of the system would begin, as the proper permits would have to be granted from KDHE before the process could start. It would take approximately 12 to 18 months to build.
2. Craig Simons will present and discuss an agreement for the development of the new fairgrounds at the Newton City Commission meeting next week.
3. The closing for the fairgrounds property is scheduled for August 28 at 1:00 p.m. at Regier Title Company. Chairman Krehbiel will attend to sign the paperwork.
4. Sharon Arellano, Director of Data Processing, informed the Commissioners that she had met with Nathan Williams of Baseline Creative, the company chosen to design the new Harvey County website. The maximum estimate of the cost is approximately \$10,000. Only one third of the cost will be due at the onset of design. Craig will discuss the website at a department head meeting to be held August 20.
5. Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, updated the Commission about the deadline for protests of the new FEMA floodmaps. Bob Frankey, FEMA representative told Mr. Davies that there is a 30 day protest period from the date

- of the public hearing, but Harvey County will ask for a 60 day extension. Those who want to protest will need to log their protests with the Planning & Zoning office.
6. A meeting will be held Tuesday, August 12, to reach a final agreement for the regulations controlling construction in the dam breach areas of watershed dams.
 7. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign an easement transmittal for \$200 for KDOT Project #40C-4151-01, which is the bridge over Middle Emma Creek on Ridge Road. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 8. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve a contract with KDOT to perform underwater bridge inspections on three bridges in Harvey County. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Although the cost of the inspections was not included, they usually run about \$3,500 each.
 9. The Commissioners will work in the Newton Chamber of Commerce booth at the State Fair on Friday, September 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

Cephas "Pete" Villarreal attended the meeting to protest the valuation on a 10-acre property located east of the city of McLains. He has protested the valuation to the County Appraiser and the valuation was reduced by \$27,000. Glenda Mills, Deputy Appraiser, said that the time limit to appeal the valuation to the State Board of Tax Appeals has expired. He will be able to appeal again next year.

The Proposed budget amendments for 2008 will be postponed until next week in order to correct the amount to be amended.

The public hearing for the proposed 2009 budget was held at 10:30 a.m. There were no objections to the budget. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept the budget at 27.895 mil, which is level from last year. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Brown & Brown will be coming in to get a signature on the cold in place recycling project. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize Jim Meier, on behalf of the county, to sign the notice to proceed contracts with Brown & Brown for the cold in-place recycling project on Old Trail Road. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Bids for the construction of the West Park Community Building were received Wednesday, August 6. Two bids were received. Regier Construction submitted a bid of \$339,000 and Zerger Construction submitted a bid of \$457,061. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the bid from Regier Construction in the amount of \$339,000 to construct the building. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2008-16**, endorsing passenger rail service in Harvey County, which is a part of the 10-year state wide comprehensive transportation program. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. upon a declaration by Commissioner Krehbiel.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member