

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 4, 2008

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

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall informed the Commission that there is an article in the KUTC Newsletter which describes a process for preventing salt damage to bridges. The overlay is a polymer concrete overlay that provides a seal coat that extends the life of a bridge. Commissioner Westfall suggested that we look at some of the newer, better bridges in the County to see if we could use this process to help preserve them. It also prevents some icing on bridges.
2. Commissioner Westfall asked when the new County website would be designed and implemented. It will need to be in place before the primary election in August. Craig Simons will talk with Sharon Arellano, director of Data Processing.

Minutes of the January 28, 2007 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be a meeting of the Highway 50 Association in Topeka on either February 26 or Feb 27. Representative Marc Rhoades will meet with the group along with other legislators whose districts are affected by Highway 50.
2. The Democratic Caucus will be held on February 5 at the Red Coach Inn. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and voting will begin at 7:00 p.m.
3. The Republican Caucus will be held on February 9 in the Courthouse Community Room. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. and voting will begin at 10:00 a.m.
4. The REAP meeting will be held prior to the regular County Commission meeting on February 11 in Wichita.
5. The next Airport Commission meeting will be held on Monday, February 25.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Craig Simons informed the Commission that Bio-Gold Corporation has contacted Harvey County and is interested in talking to the County about solid waste disposal.
2. Three appraisers have been appointed to re-appraise property involved in the construction of two bridges on Ridge Road last year. The appraisers are Steve McCloud, Arlen Anderson, and Frank Stucky. The original appraisals were not done properly and the Judge ordered them to be redone.
3. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to appoint Chairman Krehbiel and George Rogers to the Ninth District Judicial Nominating Commission. Mr. Roger's appointment would be contingent on his acceptance of the appointment. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Craig Simons will contact Mr. Rogers.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks for 2007 and 2008 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

T. W. Anderson, Director of the Newton City/County Airport, presented the Commission with an adjusted budget for renovations on Hangar J at the Airport. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the addition of \$40,000 to the bond to renovate the Hangar. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Courtney Becker, Director of Communications, and Don Gruver, Assistant Director, gave an update on budgeted CAD project for the Department. The Department received a grant to fund a portion of the project. The proposed vendor for the system will be Global Software with a base quote of \$122,550. Additional hardware will cost \$34,482 and the maintenance contract will cost \$21,960 annually.

Courtney informed the Commission that 46% of all calls received in the 911 Center are from wireless phones. There are still areas around East Lake, Walton, and Sedgwick that do not have good wireless reception. There are some County government groups who are forming a committee to try to initiate interest in some of the cell companies to place a tower in the needed locations.

After a short break Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session at 10:45 a.m. for a period of 30 minutes to discuss contractual issues. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. At 11:15 a.m. Chairman Westfall made a motion to extend the session for a period of 15 minutes. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to extend the executive session until 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. No action was taken during executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member