

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 11, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 11, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Roberson will not be able to attend the Department of Transportation Lunch.
2. The Commissioners have received some complaints regarding the maintenance on Darlington Township roads.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel has been asked if the stop sign north of Patterson still needs to be there. Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, said that any road that intersects a county road has a stop sign. He will check to see if it could be replaced with a yield sign.
4. Commissioner Westfall gave a report on the partnership meeting he attended last week. One of the issues discussed is a feasibility study for a possible YMCA in Harvey County. The Chamber of Commerce, who will administer the study, will need to raise \$12,000 of the cost of the study. Virgil Penner, Director of the Newton Chamber, will present a contribution request to the County Commission at an upcoming County Commission meeting.
5. Commissioner Westfall reported that there is a group that has formed to try to obtain better cell phone reception for certain areas of the County. They are considering suing some cell phone companies to force them to provide service.
6. Commissioner Roberson will continue to give verbal reports of the actions of the CDDO Board after each of the meetings rather than give copies of the minutes to the Commissioners.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be a meeting of the Highway 50 Association on February 27 at 11:30 a.m. in Topeka.
2. Commissioners Westfall and Roberson will attend Government Day in Topeka on February 12.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The employee wellness program will kick off on February 14. The employee wellness committee has been formed with volunteers from several departments.

Preferred Health Systems, the County insurance provider, has agreed to donate

- pedometers which will be given to each employee on the day of the kick-off.
2. A tentative date of February 19 has been set for a luncheon meeting with the Commissioners and a representative from Todd Tiaht's office.
3. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2008-6** to reconfirm support for the qualifying regional strategic plan and requesting that the Secretary of Commerce & Housing re-approve the County of Harvey as a Kansas Enterprise zone designated non-metropolitan business region. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. Phil Adams, Superintendent of Road & Bridge, reported to the Commission about the two bridges located on the Sedgwick/Harvey County line. There was a question in regards to whether Sedgwick County or Harvey County is responsible for the bridge inspections. It was determined that the bridges were given to Harvey County in a 1985 agreement between Sedgwick County, Harvey County, and the State Department of Transportation. Therefore, Harvey County is responsible to do the required inspections of the bridges.
5. Mr. Adams reported that the bridge on SE 60th Street that has been closed for construction has now been opened.
6. Mr. Adams also reported that he has not had a chance to study the process and cost of the polymer overlay for bridges that was presented as a possible treatment for the newer bridges in Harvey County.
7. The Commission gave permission to put a used pickup from the Road & Bridge Department on the Purple Wave Auction site.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

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

Bob Cheney, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, presented the 2007 Noxious Weed Eradication annual report. He will make a correction on the report and bring it back to the next meeting for approval.

The meeting was recessed at 12:35 for lunch. Commissioner Roberson left the meeting at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Chairman Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member