

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 19, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 19, 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 updated the Commission regarding the complaint about the lack of road maintenance in Darlington Township. The County Clerk will check the annual report from the township to see how the monies were spent.
2. Commissioner Roberson reported that the newly formed CDDO continues to function well. There is still an opening on the Board for one position from Marion County.
3. Chairman Krehbiel met with the Little Arkansas Watershed District. Phase 2 of the Equus Beds recharge project is about to begin.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be a REAP luncheon meeting on February 20 at 12:00 p.m. in Wichita. The meeting will feature a speaker from Florida speaking on Economic Development.
2. There will be a Council of Governments meeting on February 20th at 4:30 p.m.
3. All three Commissioners will attend an educational tour of the Aquifer Storage and Recharge Project on Friday, March 7 at 3:30 p.m. beginning in Hesston.
4. Bio-Gold, a company from California will be in Harvey County on February 27 and 28 to discuss the possibility of combining business efforts that would fit in with the Waste-To-Energy project. Doug King, owner of Quality Recycling, will also be here to meet with them.
5. Commissioner Roberson will attend a KAC Regional Supper meeting in Abilene on February 28th at the Brookville Hotel.
6. There will be a transportation meeting on February 28 in the Courthouse Community Room.
7. A Chamber Legislative Update will be held on February 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Charlie's Restaurant.
8. The Commissioners will meet with Todd Tiaht on February 19 at 12:00 p.m. at the Breadbasket to discuss issues and projects that are important to Harvey County.

Minutes of the February 11, 2008 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Bob Cheney, Director of the Noxious Weed Department, presented the corrected 2007 Annual Noxious Weed Report. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve and sign the report. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to sign a proclamation celebrating 40 years of Fair Housing. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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 Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session at 10:00 a.m. for a period of 45 minutes to discuss property acquisition. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. There was no action taken during executive session.

Virgil Penner, Director of the Newton Chamber of Commerce, presented a funding request for a feasibility study to determine whether this area could support the location of a YMCA. This would be in conjunction with the expansion of the current Recreation program which is funded by the City of Newton and USD #373.

Issues that will be discussed with Representative Todd Tiahr are the new flood plain maps, rural EMS service, bio-composite center for research and development, child care issues, the Health Ministries federally qualified look-alike grant money, emissions standards, and waste-to-energy.

The Commission recessed at 11:25 a.m. for lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 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