

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 25, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 25, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Roberson attended the legislative forum last Saturday at Charlie's Restaurant. Representative Rhoades spoke about education and funding cuts that have hampered efforts to improve education. Senator McGinn and Representative Rhoades spoke at length about the massive cuts in mental health funding. Studies show that \$1.00 spent in prevention saves \$7.00 spent in treatments. Senator McGinn also reported that the no smoking bill that would require each county in the State to vote on smoking bans has died. Senator McGinn has asked that there be more discussion on both sides of the issue before any decisions are made on CO2 restrictions.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be a REAP meeting in Wichita on March 10.
2. Commissioner Roberson will be attending a Highway 50 Association meeting in Topeka on Wednesday, February 27.
3. Commissioner Roberson and Craig Clough, Harvey County Appraiser, will attend a KAC regional supper on February 28 at the Brookville in Abilene.
4. There will be a joint City/County meeting on March 11 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the traffic impact study that was conducted on Cow Palace Road and Highway 50. They also plan to discuss the address issues on South Spencer Road and SE 12th and SE 14th.
5. There will be a Quad County meeting on March 17 at Haven at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes of the February 19, 2008 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. At 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss property acquisition. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended with no action being taken.
2. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve and sign letters to be sent to the members of the Kansas Bioscience Authority. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The letters elaborate on the importance of Parks Aerospace Material Corporation in Harvey County and that it meets the criteria for assistance from Authority.

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 Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:00 a.m., a public hearing for a tax abatement request for Parks Aerospace Materials was held. Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Director of Harvey County Economic Development Council, presented the request with T.W. Anderson, Director of the Newton City/County Airport. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to send the application to a committee to review the request and bring it back before the Commission next week. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Harvey County has received a letter from Stutzman Refuse Disposal stating that they will bring in about 14 tons of trash per week from Park City. This is per an agreement reached with Harvey County, Park City, and the Reno County Landfill. They will also bring in recycling materials that will be processed at a charge of \$5.00 per ton. This program is set to begin on March 1.

At 11:30 a.m. the Commission attended a luncheon at the Harvey County Health Department.

The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member