

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 28, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 28, 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 and Commissioner Krehbiel commended Commissioner Westfall for his leadership during the past year as Chairman of the Commission.
2. Commissioner Westfall has been notified that Excel Industries is looking for a place to test a commercial mower for approximately 500 hours. Harvey County Parks has been asked if this would be a possibility.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel and spouse, Commissioner Westfall and spouse, and Commissioner Roberson will attend the annual Conservation District meeting on February 4.
4. Chairman Krehbiel asked John Waltner for additional information regarding the REAP approval of \$10,000 to be paid for consulting services for the REAP Water Board. John reported the decision was made on a recommendation from the REAP Executive Committee, but he will check further on when and how the decision was made. The consulting is to be done on an "as needed" basis through the month of August.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners and their spouses will attend the Valentine's dinner in Halstead on Saturday, February 2 at 5:30 p.m.
2. The calendar will be corrected to reflect the Commission meeting on February 11 will begin at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.
3. Commissioner Westfall informed the Commission that there will be no Aviation Commission meeting today.
4. Government Day will be held in Topeka on February 12th. John Waltner will be attending and will have transportation available for any Commissioner who wishes to attend.

Minutes of the January 14, 2007 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2008-4** which establishes the salaries for the Harvey County elected officials and department heads for 2008. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

2. John Waltner informed the Commission that the employee wellness committee which is made up of several Harvey County employees has been formed. Preferred Plus of Kansas, who is the County Health Insurance provider, has agreed to provide each employee with a pedometer to help promote physical activity for employees. The wellness committee is planning to implement some incentive programs which should begin within the next 30 days. The Health Department is also promoting preventive care and education as one of the main goals of the Health Department.
3. There was discussion on a letter received from the Kansas Department of Transportation regarding the lack of bridge inspection for two bridges on the Harvey/Sedgwick County line. Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, will get more information on the exact location of the bridges and whether or not the bridges are the responsibility of Harvey County or Sedgwick County.
4. Craig Simons informed the Commission that there has been a citizen complaint about television reception being interfered with by communications from the Harvey County 911 center. Craig will check in to this further.
5. Commissioner Westfall reported on the 911 Board meeting that he attended last week. There is still not a site for an emergency communications tower in the western part of the County. Other counties have passed a resolution which changes zoning requirements to require tower owners to save a spot on the tower for government use. There are existing towers in this part of the County that could possibly accommodate the needs of the County.

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 Westfall. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to release the check to Cornerstone Law that was held over from last week for additional information. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberson gave a report on the Council of Governments meeting that she attended last week. Bethel College, who has been collecting data on wind powered generators, made a presentation. There was also a presentation made by the City of North Newton who has implemented a program for energy saving light bulbs. North Newton set aside \$1,500 and purchased fluorescent light bulbs that citizens can purchase at North Newton City Hall. Old bulbs can also be taken to City Hall which will then be taken to the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station has an agreement with K-State to dispose of the old light bulbs.

Chairman Krehbiel and Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, attended the Solid Waste Authority meeting in McPherson last week. The change in the Regional Solid Waste Plan which allows Park City trash to be taken to the Harvey County Transfer Station was approved. Each County has agreed to pay \$500.00 to help fund the Regional Authority. Commissioner Westfall made a

motion for Harvey County to pay the South Central Kansas Regional Solid Waste Authority \$500. The check should be sent to Robert Carlson in Lindsborg. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Patton said that there are some changes that need to be made to Harvey County's Solid Waste Plan to make sure the plan is kept up to date.

Chairman Krehbiel made a report on the Community Corrections meeting held last week in McPherson. Although McPherson County has the hiring authority, Commissioner Krehbiel sat in on the interviews for the Director's position. Janet Cagle was offered and has accepted the offer to be the Director of Community Corrections. Community Corrections has not had a permanent Director for approximately two years.

Craig Simons presented the 2007 annual report of accomplishments of the Board of Harvey County Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member