

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 9, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 9, 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. Discussion was held regarding the proposed change in regulations on building in dam breach areas below watershed dams. There will be an item on the agenda next week to clarify the proposed changes.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel has been approached by someone who has proposed holding a Carp fishing derby at West Park to help control the overpopulation which would enable other fish to populate and grow. The proceeds from the derby would go to a prize fund for participants.
3. Commissioner Westfall had a call from a farmer who lives near SW 36th and Ridge Road. The Railroad had removed a crossing which prevented several farmers from having access to their fields. Commissioner Westfall contacted the Railroad and the access was restored.
4. Commissioner Westfall received a request from a farmer who is selling some property near Halstead. The purchaser plans to build on the property and would be required to pay a \$2,000 road impact fee. They have requested that the fee be waived. The road impact fee is returned to the owner if the money is not used within five years.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

- June 10 - Special Aviation Committee meeting at the Airport, 4:00 p.m.
- June 16 - Aviation Commission meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- June 16 - CDDO meeting and reception for Virgil Penner who is retiring from the Board.
- June 18 - Harvey County Council of Governments meeting, 4:30 p.m. following the EDC meeting
- June 24 - Wired Initiative training, Wichita, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- June 24 - REAP Economic Development meeting, Wichita, 12:00 p.m.

Minutes of the June 2, 2008 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Craig Simons presented an application for an authorized emergency vehicle permit for A.J. Wuthnow, County Sheriff, for his personal vehicle. The permit was authorized and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Craig Simons received a letter from Garber Surveying regarding elevation readings which differed significantly from the elevations used by FEMA to produce new flood maps for Harvey County. Garber has proposed doing further work to determine why the elevations differ. Although the cost for this is not completely clear in the letter, it is believed to be in the amount of \$3,350.00. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to do the work for this amount after clarification and authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Craig presented the first reading for three appointments to the Harvey County Park Board. The names presented were Carol Buller, Jerry Vetter, and Roland Miller. The final reading will be held next week and final appointments will be made.
4. John met with the Darlington Township officers regarding the maintenance of Chisholm Lane. They have agreed to maintain the road after it is brought up to standard by the County. The entrances to each residence will require a culvert which will have to be paid for by each resident. The County would also install culverts in the entrances. Another petition may be drawn up to specify how the cost of the improvements will be divided between the residents. An evening meeting will be scheduled for next week to try to work a compromise between the residents.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizens Forum.

Warrant checks were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Davies, Planning & Zoning Director, presented a request by Ed Roberts, on behalf of Biggs Property LLC, to consider the final plat of the I-135 Industrial Park Subdivision located just west of the I-135 and K-196 interchange on the north side of SE 72nd. Kenny Cook from Garber's Surveying clarified the map as presented. There was some concern from the County Planning Commission about the size of the cul-de-sac. Parking would be prohibited in the cul-de-sac and on both sides of the street. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the final plat as recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The commission recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

After reconvening at 1:15 p.m., John Waltner presented the revised substance abuse policy and procedures for Harvey County employees. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to adopt the new policy and procedures effective June 9, 2008. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

T.W. Anderson, Airport Manager, presented the proposed 2009 Newton City/County Airport budget. Assuming the Airport has the same usage as 2008, because of the rising cost of supplies and equipment, costs will increase approximately 27%. The Commission will take the budget under advisement.

At 2:00 p.m. a public hearing was held to update the five-year program of federally assisted bridge and road projects. No citizens were present for the hearing which was closed at 2:25 p.m.. The decision on the bridge list will be delayed until next week when Phil Adams will be here to answer questions.

Craig Simons updated the Commissioners on the progress of the Waste-To-Energy project. Quality Recycling, whose contract expires on June 30, is in the process of merging with another company. Quality Recycling has not been able to find funding for the project. Harvey County will continue talks with Bio-Gold, another waste-to-energy company, after the June 30 date when the contract with Quality Recycling expires.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member