

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 3, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 3, 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 suggested that Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, do a follow up check on the lagoon system at the Esch property east of Newton. They were to re-locate their sewer lagoon to prevent possible drainage issues during heavy rains.
2. Commissioner Westfall attended a conference in Hutchinson last weekend for Fair Boards. There is concern about E-coli infections being attributable to the show barns. Insurance companies encourage fair boards to post signs warning of possible E-coli infections and to encourage attendees to wash or sanitize their hands as they leave the show barns. City dwellers who have limited exposure to animals have been shown to have a higher risk of infection.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel received a letter from Rita Flickinger, Health Department Director, encouraging the Commission to support grant requests for smoking cessation.

The minutes of the February 25, 2008 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The joint City/County meeting to discuss the results of the KDOT traffic impact study for the proposed ethanol plant has been changed from March 11 to March 25 at 5:30 p.m. There will be an outgoing reception for City Commissioner Kim Harris prior to the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Craig Simons and other staff members met with representatives from Bio-Gold last week. Bio-Gold is a company that converts trash into diesel fuel and is interested in locating a plant here.
2. Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management; Dick Elder, Meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service in Wichita; and Chance Hayes, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, commended Harvey County for being a "Storm Ready County." This program was implemented in 2003 and Harvey County was one of the first counties to qualify as a county that is prepared for any type of hazard that might come across the County. Mr. Elder commended Mr. Buller for all that he has done to make sure that Harvey County is ready for all natural hazards and post 911 hazards.
3. Myrna Krehbiel, representative from Peace Connections, presented the

Commission with information regarding the Bridges Out of Poverty campaign. Scott Miller, author and member of the Move the Mountain organization in Ames, IA, will be coming to Newton on March 10 to provide community training in helping citizens who live in poverty.

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.

An administrative committee made up of Craig Simons, Craig Clough, and Chairman Krehbiel has met and discussed the proposal of a ten year 100% tax abatement for Parks Aerospace Corporation. The committee recommends the approval of the abatement. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2008-8** granting an exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain real estate acquired for manufacturing purposes by Park Aerospace Materials Corporation. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2008-7** to allow the sale by auction of Harvey County Road & Bridge Department Vehicle and Equipment. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Roy Patton, Director of the Transfer Station, presented a renewal contract between Harvey County and Stutzman Refuse Service to manage and operate the Harvey County Recycling Center. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the contract for a period of 12 months. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Craig Clough, Appraiser, reported to the Commission that the county valuations have been sent to Harvey County property owners. Protests will be heard until March 31, which is 30 days from the date the values were mailed. The Appraiser's office has connected a special phone line to handle the calls. Mr. Clough also explained how the values for Harvey County were set.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion at 10:55 a.m. to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss land acquisition. Executive session ended at 11:10 a.m. with no action being taken.

After inquiries with regard to the resolution passed in 2007 establishing a moratorium on building in the dam breach area of watershed dams, there will be an item on next week's agenda to discuss it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Chairman Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member