

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 24, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 24, 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 spoke at the Chamber breakfast Friday morning. Two topics that he mentioned were a possible safety fair at the Chisholm Trail Mall this Spring and the current status of the Waste-to-Energy project. Susan Coin, Westar Representative, stated that Westar is now interested in talking to the County about rates for purchasing the electricity generated.
2. Commissioner Roberson will be returning from a trip early next Monday, March 31. She may be able to attend the meeting, depending on transportation schedules.

Minutes of the March 17, 2008 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The March 31 Strategic Planning meeting listed on the calendar should be corrected to read 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston.
2. There will be a tour of the Big Creek Smoky River Watershed in association with the WRAPS Conference on Monday April 14 in Salina.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners discussed the results of the traffic impact study done by Professional Engineering Consultants. The study was done at the request of the County and City to identify hazards associated with the possible location of an ethanol plant west of the Harvey County Landfill.
2. Craig Simons informed the Commission that Administration has recommended the proposed Breech Impact Area Advisory Committee be composed of five voting members: Director of Planning & Zoning, one Planning Commission member, one Watershed District member, and two property owners. Greg Nye, County Counselor, would be appointed as an ex-officio, non-voting member to serve in an advisory capacity. The appointments could be made at the April 7 Commission meeting.
3. The Commission discussed funding for a State mandated program for at-risk children aged birth to 3-years old. The Commission made the decision in August of 2007 that if there was a request for funding it should go through the Harvey County CDDO.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

The Commission discussed the different site possibilities for the West Park Community Center as well as the final plans for the building.

Greg Nye, Harvey County Counselor, updated the Commission on some of the issues he is working on for the County.

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

Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented an application for a Conditional Use Permit for Alltel Communications to erect a telecommunications tower 198 feet high on property located in the A-1 Agricultural Zoning District. The tower would be located just south of the Hesston City limits north of NW 60th on the east side of Ridge Road. Joel Taylor, representative of Alltel, attended the meeting. The Planning Commission considered the proposal at their March 4th meeting and by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays, recommended the approval of the request. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Westfall commended Alltel, the Planning Commission, Scott Davies, and others who were involved with finding an alternate solution to the placement of the telecommunications tower after the first site was rejected.

The Commission left to view the site for the West Park Community Building at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 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