

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 31, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 31, 2008 with Commissioner Krehbiel and Commissioner Westfall present. Commissioner Roberson was absent. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall had an inquiry about changing the hours at the Transfer Station to a 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. closing time on Monday or Tuesday evening during the summer to enable working homeowner's to dispose of yard waste generated over the weekend in a timelier manner.
2. There will be a meeting on April 3 between representatives from the City of Newton and the businesses along Cow Palace Road to discuss the traffic impact study.
3. Commissioner Westfall met with Dr. John Morton, Superintendent of Newton USD #373 schools and Vern Miner, Superintendent of Hesston USD #460 regarding funding for at-risk developmentally disabled children age birth to 3 years old.

Minutes of the March 24 Commission meeting and the March 25 joint Newton City/Harvey County Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Chairman Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be an Aviation Board meeting on April 21 at 4:00 p.m.
2. There will be an Aviation Board meeting on April 28 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss budget issues.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Craig Simons presented the cost proposal from Gossen Livingston Architects for architectural and engineering services for the Harvey County West Park Community Building. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the proposal in an amount not to exceed \$29,500 which will include architectural and engineering services for the entire site. Chairman Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

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

Craig Simons presented the board openings for the Aviation Commission, the Economic Development Committee, and the CDDO Board. The appointments, which are made by the County Commissioners, will be made at the April 6 Commission meeting.

The Commission discussed the land lease at Harvey County East Park for the purpose of constructing a maintenance building for Pleasant Township. The initial proposal specified that trees be planted on three sides of the building as a screen. The final lease agreement specifies that the lease is effective for a period of 99 years and that trees would be planted on the west side of the building only. The Township has approved the site location and Marion Rowland, Director of Parks, pointed out the proposed location on a map. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to commence with the lease for the purposes of building a township maintenance building and forward the agreement to Pleasant Township for approval. Chairman Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

John Waltner presented the 2007 performance measures for the Harvey County Department on Aging. Included in the report were the mission, the vision, and the values of the Department. The following programs are administered by the Department: The Information and Assistance Program, Respite Care, RSVP, Transportation, providing mill levy funds for Newton Meals on Wheels, Enlite, Newton Area Senior Center, Hesston Area Senior Center, Sedgwick Senior Center, Burrton Senior Center, the Mid-Kansas Senior Center Association, and the Walton Senior Citizens Club.

Performance measures for the Communications Center were also presented. The Communications Center tracks quality assurance measures to make sure that citizens receive courteous, professional service from the Department in a timely manner.

Performance measures for the Harvey County Solid Waste Department were also reviewed. The Department has begun a commercial recycling pilot project to determine the feasibility of how it can work with the regular trash pickup.

Performance measures for the Noxious Weed Department include the continued goal to eradicate plants declared to be noxious weeds in the State of Kansas. The 2007 achievements were reviewed.

Performance measures for the Office of the County Attorney were presented. The goals of the Department include: More efficient use of resources, careful review of juvenile offenders cases, vigorous prosecution of repeat offenders and sexual predators, prosecution of DUI cases, collaborative efforts with law enforcement, efficiency of office staff, and the restructure and expansion of the Diversion Program.

Performance measures for the Register of Deeds office were also reviewed. Summaries of yearly revenues for mortgage recording for the last six years were provided in addition to a monthly accounting record for the year 2007. An accounting summary for the Tech Fund, which is administered by the Office of the Register of Deeds, was also provided.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session to discuss land

acquisition for a period of 15 minutes. Chairman Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. No action was taken during executive session which ended at 11:15 a.m.

Elevation information has been received from Garber's Surveying which can be compared with the elevations used by FEMA to complete the new flood mapping. Some of the elevations that have been compared differ by as much as two or three feet in some areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member