

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 10, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 10, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. The Commissioners received some complaints about the employee health fair suggesting that there needs to be more privacy at each station. There was also a complaint about the medical personnel not wearing gloves. Some of the equipment was not adequate for all employees.
2. Commissioner Westfall had a phone call from Darren Runyan, a resident on Chisholm Lane. He states that the Commission made a decision to install a cul-de-sac and instead installed a hammerhead at the end of the Lane. The agreements signed by the Commissioners and the residents on Chisholm Lane do not stipulate a cul-de-sac, but instead refers to a turn-around.
3. Commissioner Westfall gave the Commissioners an update on a project to include the entire REAP region in a book published to promote the area to prospective business and industry. Harvey County could purchase certain pages, but they are very expensive. Commissioner Westfall suggested that the Council of Governments be approached to see if they would like to be included in the project.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Harvey County Council of Governments has changed their meeting date to the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be at 7:00 a.m. at the Breadbasket.
2. The next CDDO meeting will be held on Monday, November 24 at 4:00 p.m.
3. There will be a meeting concerning the Hazard Mitigation Grant in the Community Room on Wednesday, November 12.
4. There will be a meeting of the Green Committee of the Council of Governments at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12 in the Law Enforcement Center.
5. The Airport Commission meeting will be held on November 24 at 4:00 p.m.

The minutes of the November 3, 2008 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Chairman Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Craig talked to Jaci Reimer, Sedgwick City Administrator, about funds that were used to rebuild the bridge on the north side of Sedgwick. Harvey County is the owner of that bridge. Special bridge replacement funds from the City Federal Aid Bridge Replacement Program were used for the bridge.

2. Future Foam, Inc. has filed a request with the City of Newton for exemption from taxation for the expansion of their manufacturing facility.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizens Forum.

Greg Nye, Harvey County Counselor, informed the Commission that Tom Adrian, candidate for State Representative from the 72nd District, had decided not to request a recount of the results from the November 4, 2008 election.

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

Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, gave the Commission an update on the progress of the trailer being constructed for the donated generator. The trailer is almost complete. The radiator from the generator was checked and found to be in need of repair which will cost approximately \$1,900 to repair. Once that repair is completed, the cover will be placed on the generator. The trailer will be pulled by a dump truck from the Road & Bridge Department.

Lonnie also reported that the Kick-off meeting for the Hazard Mitigation Plan will be November 12 in the Courthouse Community Room. Invitations to this meeting have been sent to all township officers, water district officers, drainage districts, and Butler Rural Electric.

The Emergency Management office is currently getting started on the revamp of the emergency operations plan. The goal is to make all county plans within the State of Kansas consistent. Once the plans are completed they will be placed on-line and can be accessed by other entities.

Terry Bourlard, Bioterrorism officer for the Health Department, reported that they received a score of 80 on their most recent state assessment regarding dispensing preparedness. The assessments have varied in how they have been performed and the hope is that the assessments will be more consistent in the future. The next assessment will take place in February of 2009. The areas of weakness they will be working on have to do with law enforcement issues on safety and security. They will also be meeting with representatives of long-term care facilities who have been designated as closed dispensing sites. A template document will be given to Craig Simons and Greg Nye to make sure that it meets with County policies. The next exercise will be this Thursday, which is a call-down to make sure all agencies can be reached. There will be a larger exercise held at the end of March next year.

Discussion was held on the make up of the Fairgrounds Development Committee. There were several names of individuals suggested who might possibly be willing to serve in this capacity. Craig will draft a form letter to be sent to potential committee members that will clearly state the responsibilities of each member and what will be required of them. A form letter will be put together to make sure members know what will be required of them.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into Executive session at 11:00 a.m. for a period of 30 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session was Greg Nye, County Counselor; Linda Kientz, Personnel Director; and Charlie Summers, Fiscal Officer. At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 11:40 a.m. with no action being taken.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to upgrade the pay of the Undersheriff so that it is more in line with the pay of other Undersheriffs in the State of Kansas. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session at 11:44 a.m. for a period of 6 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 11:50 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. by Chairman Krehbiel.

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marge Roberson, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member