

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**September 15, 2008**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 15, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Roberson reported that the Greater Newton Foundation and others are in the process of making application for a grant to help fund the infant and toddlers program, age 0 to 5 years, for at risk children. If awarded, the grant would provide \$200,000 that would be given to the Greater Newton Foundation who will distribute the funds to the school system. A 10% match is required to apply for the grant.
2. Commissioner Westfall received an inquiry about enforcement of county road and bridge weight limits.

Minutes of the September 8 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**CALENDAR:**

1. There will be a Visioneering meeting held on September 16 in Wichita.
2. The annual Farm Bureau dinner meeting will be held on October 14.
3. The October CDDO meeting in Hillsboro will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. instead of the regular time of 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Steve Racoosin and Al Doshier, representatives from Bio-Gold Inc. will be here on September 16. They will be meeting with ICM Corporation to finalize the contracts with them. Although the acquisition of financing for the waste-to-energy plant is on track, nothing can be finalized until the contracts with ICM are complete. The autoclaving system may be installed earlier, at the same time the infra-red system is installed.
2. Builder's Concrete has been notified to clean up the batch plant on south 81 Highway.
3. Chairman Krehbiel signed the Notice to Proceed for Beachner Construction for the road sealing project. The start date has been delayed until after October 1 and it will take approximately 10 days to complete.
4. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2008**, which attests to an increase in tax revenues for budget year 2009. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to appoint Commissioner Roberson as the KWORCC and KCAMP delegate, and Joyce Truskett as the alternate delegate for
6. the KAC meeting to be held in November. Chairman Krehbiel seconded the

- motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, presented pictures of the flooding that occurred in Harvey County this past Friday and Saturday. Rain amounts varied from three to seven and one-half inches. There were seven electrical meters and one trailer that flooded at East Lake and there were also two boats that sank. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve a proclamation of a state of local disaster emergency. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  8. Lonnie reported that preliminary work is being done on the generator trailer before it is taken to Hesston to be welded.

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

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss personnel issues for a period of 40 minutes. Also in attendance at the session were John Waltner, Linda Kientz, and Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 10:45 a.m. with no action being taken.

In light of the Nielander ruling, which holds that elected officials have the right to hire & terminate staff necessary to run their office, Commissioner Roberson moved not to hold grievance hearings which concern such personnel. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented the Commission with a letter from Robert Bissell, a representative of FEMA, in response to a letter from Harvey County citing elevation differences between findings from Garber Surveying and data that was used by FEMA to produce new flood maps. FEMA allows an approximate zone with an allowance of five feet. That kind of tolerance is critical in the west part of the county which is very flat. FEMA is requesting more detailed topographical information. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize a letter written to Robert Bissell requesting that FEMA fund the study to provide more information. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

#### **CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Fred Weber attended the meeting and asked when the road improvements on Chisholm Lane were to be done. Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, will check on the road today and make temporary improvements to insure the road is passable. The road needs to be surveyed for underground utilities before work on the permanent improvements can begin.

The Commission recessed to attend the Quad County Meeting at the Breadbasket.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Member

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County Clerk

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