

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

**January 12, 2009**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 12, 2009 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

The meeting convened in the Courtroom of the Harvey County District Court. Judge Richard B. Walker gave the oath of office to T. Walton who was elected to the office of Harvey County Sheriff at the November 5, 2008 general election. Todd Hanchett was sworn in as the Undersheriff. Judge Walker also gave the oath of office to Ron Krehbiel, Commissioner for the 3rd District; Marge Roberson, Commissioner for the 2nd District; David Yoder, County Attorney; E. Rebecca Noble, Treasurer; Joyce Truskett, Clerk; and Margaret Hermstein, Register of Deeds. A reception was held following the ceremony.

The meeting reconvened in the County Commission Room at 11:15 a.m. Chairman Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Commissioner Roberson as Chairman of the Harvey County Commission for the year of 2009. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Krehbiel thanked the Commission for the cooperation of each of the members and for their support in the past year.

Chairman Roberson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Westfall as the Vice-Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Roberson expressed her appreciation for the leadership of Commissioner Krehbiel in 2008.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall, the Commissioners were appointed to the following boards:

Chairman Roberson	Coordinated Transit Board CDDO Committee Harvey County Council of Governments Public/Private Partnership Group Alternate for REAP Board
Commissioner Westfall	Aviation Board REAP Board Committee for Expo Center Public Building Commission
Commissioner Krehbiel	Board of Community Corrections

Regional Youth Advisory Board  
Central Kansas Solid Waste Authority  
Little Arkansas River Water Board RAP

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall received a letter from the US Census Bureau. The Commission will need to provide them locations of where homeless people will be located for counting.  
Craig Simons reported that the application for a cell phone tower in Sedgwick was voted down by the Planning Commission. The vote was 6 in favor and 5 against.
2. Sandra Fields has resigned as Clerk of Richland Township. The Commission will appoint a replacement at a future Commission meeting.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The annual Township Dinner will be held at the Road & Bridge Department on February 2.

Minutes of the January 5, 2009 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Craig Simons presented proposed changes for the Harvey County Personnel Policy Manual. Currently there are approximately 35 County retirees that continue life insurance coverage but do not pay any premiums. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to change the policy requiring retirees to pay the premiums if they wish to continue coverage. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve paragraph 10:18 in the policy manual which creates an employee administrative leave policy. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2009-4** setting salaries for Harvey County Department Heads beginning January 12, 2009. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2009-3** amending the Harvey County Unified Development code concerning section 16.06: Communication Towers. This would allow Harvey County to have space on privately owned communication towers. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to issue a revocation of a vehicle permit for former Sheriff, Arlis John Wuthnow and enclose a letter asking that any property in or on the privately owned vehicle be returned. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

6. Schaben Industries has sent \$150,000 to an escrow account at the bank, which was a requirement before the road construction and drainage at the development site could be constructed. The pre-construction conference was held last Thursday. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to sign the "notice to proceed" for Cornejo & Sons to proceed with construction, and have Commissioner Krehbiel sign the notice. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. The Commission discussed the possibility of Pleasant Township using Volunteer Hall at East Lake for their Township meeting. Craig will talk with Marion Rowland, Director of Parks.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no citizens present for Citizens Forum.

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

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 1:15 p.m. and toured the construction of the bio-burner at the old site of the Harvey County Landfill. Bert Bennett engineer with ICM answered questions.

The Commission toured the new Community Center at Harvey County West Park, which is under construction.

The Commission returned to the Commission Room and the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Chairman Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

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Marge Roberson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

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Ron Krehbiel, Member