

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 20, 2009

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 20, 2009 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. The Commissioners received notice from Farm Bureau that a date for the annual breakfast meeting will be set soon.
2. Several letters of protest have been received against the proposed cell phone tower in Sedgwick City.
3. Chairman Roberson requested an executive session at 10:30 to discuss economic development.
4. Elizabeth Schmidt, Director of the CDDO, has signed a contract to continue to serve as director for the next year.
5. Dave Corp, representative from the Safety Education & Seatbelt Office at KDOT, will present a seatbelt safety program on Tuesday, March 31 at Charlie's Restaurant. He will give an update and report in addition to the presentation of new programs that will be available.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Central Kansas Regional Solid Waste meeting will be held in McPherson, Tuesday, January 21.
2. John Waltner informed the Commission that Dr. Early from the State will be in the Commission Room on Thursday, January 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to discuss the Harvey County Health Initiative.
3. Commissioner Roberson will attend a K-Camp Board meeting on January 22.
4. Craig Simons and Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, will travel to Houston on Sunday to attend a composting conference. They will return Thursday, January 29.
5. Pleasant Township will hold their monthly meeting on Friday, January 30, in the Courthouse Community Room.

Minutes of the January 12, 2009 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Craig Simons informed the Commission that there are more employees submitting requests to retire and then stay in the same position. KPERS has a ceiling on what an employee can earn after retirement. Craig will obtain more information to present to the Commission with the possibility of setting a new policy to cover this situation.
2. The RSVP Council has recommended the appointment of Jim Vaughn to the

- Council. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Mr. Vaughn to the Council and give the Chairman the authority to sign the appointment. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to re-appoint the current Council members to the RSVP Advisory Council for another year term. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

With the exception of a check for the Attorney's Office, warrant Checks were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizens Forum.

Tina Payne, Director of Health Ministries, gave a presentation on the highlights for the Clinic in 2008 and what is on the horizon in 2009. They have been notified by the State that there will be a reduction of \$10,000 in the amount of grant funds received from the State in 2009. The usage of both the medical and dental clinics continue to increase. Funding continues to be an issue.

Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented bid specifications for the purchase of a new or used late model road grader. Bid proposals will be due on February 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Roy Patton gave an update on the installation of a gasifier by ICM at the site of the old Landfill. They expect to have things ready to start some testing by the 2nd week of February.

Roy Patton presented bid specifications for the purchase of a used wheel loader. The specs include the trade in of a 1989 Volvo Loader. Bid proposals will be due on February 17 at 10:15 a.m.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. for a period of 10 minutes to discuss legal contracts. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Roy Patton and Greg Nye, County Counselor, also attended. Executive Session ended at 10:10 a.m. with no action being taken.

Mr. Patton informed the Commission that Marion County is considering discontinuing their participation in the Regional Solid Waste group. This would leave only McPherson County and Harvey County in the group. This will be discussed in more detail at a later time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. by Chairman Roberson.

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Marge Roberson, Chairman

ATTEST:

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Ron Krehbiel, Member