

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

**April 29, 2013**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 29, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that he attended the Department of Aging/RSVP banquet on Tuesday, April 23. He reported that the RSVP program had 393 active volunteers donating 59,393 hours with a savings to organizations across the county of \$1,940,887. The volunteers worked at 213 jobs at 66 different jobsites. The average volunteer age is 77 years old.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that he attended a legislative meeting for REAP on Friday, April 26. He learned that federal legislation will be announced this week involving Tiger Grant funds for rural railroad projects including the BNSF mainline upgrade needed for the tracks from Newton going west into Colorado that Amtrak uses. He also reported that a preliminary report after State of Kansas legislative budget committee meetings shows that based on current obligations and income, which includes keeping the sales tax option, the State of Kansas will be underfunded by the end 2015.
3. The condition of SW 24<sup>th</sup> Street between Meridian Rd. & Cow Palace Rd. has been brought to the attention of the commissioners by residents of the county. It is very rough, mostly because of increased traffic due to Anderson Ave being closed for construction. This road is maintained by Macon Township, they will be contacted about the complaints.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend a Community Corrections meeting on Wednesday, May 1.

Minutes of the April 22 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner, County Administrator, recommended that Anthony Swartzendruber be appointed as the Harvey County representative on the Hesston Area Economic Development Council (HAEDC) board. The term for this appointment is from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2015. Anthony would be replacing Bill Unruh whose term is ending. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to waive the second week's reading and appoint Anthony Swartzendruber to the HAEDC board, and authorize the Chairman to sign the appointments. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

2. Rich Hanley, Senior Coordinator, recommended that Robert Carlton be appointed to the Harvey County Council on Aging. The term for this appointment is from June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2016. Robert has been on the board previously. Commissioner Hague made a motion to waive the second week's reading and appoint Robert Carlton to the Harvey County Council on Aging, and authorize the Chairman to sign the appointments. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Roy Patton, Solid Waste Superintendent, presented the annual Harvey County Solid Waste Management Plan for approval. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the Harvey County Solid Waste Management Plan as presented and Commissioner Hague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Sheriff T. Walton reported that 197 pounds of unused or expired prescription drugs were taken in on Saturday, April 27th. The jail population on Friday, April 26 was 141, this morning it is 134.
5. Sheriff T. Walton presented a report concerning the Harvey County Detention Center fees. The report shows a comparison of fees charged by a number of other counties in our area. T. recommended raising the daily rate charged to agencies in Harvey County increase to \$30 per day starting Jan. 1, 2014. The commissioners agreed that this proposal should be presented to the Council of Governments before taking action. He also recommends raising the rates charged for State & Federal inmates when those contracts are renewed.
6. John presented a letter from the City of Halstead informing the Commission of a hearing to be held on May 13, 2013 in reference to the application by Martin Machine & Welding for an ad valorem tax exemption. The commissioners agreed to table a decision pending more information.
7. Lon Buller, Emergency Management Director, reported that Harvey County is included in the FEMA disaster declaration (FEMA-4112-DR) for the snowstorm on Feb. 20-23, 2013.
8. Kass Miller, Camp Hawk/East Park Supervisor, presented a proposal for a used truck after the bids for a new truck all came in over the \$19,000 amount budgeted. The proposal is for a 2008 Chevy Silverado with 56,775 miles for \$16,697 total after \$2,500 trade-in of the 1999 Dodge Dakota & 1998 Ford Ranger trucks. Commissioner Hague made a motion to authorize Kass to purchase the 2008 Chevy Silverado for \$16,498 plus \$199 administrative fee pending a clean CarFax report. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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

Reverend Vern Bender distributed a flyer to the commissioners for the National Day of Prayer event to be held on the courthouse lawn on Thursday, May 2, 2013. He invited them to attend as individuals. He also suggested shortening the flagpole in front of the courthouse for improved visibility and adding public tornado shelter signage.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$109,391.62 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, opened bids for 2 new class 8 dump trucks. Bid invitations were sent to six companies, KS Truck Center, Williams Service, Wichita Kenworth, Doonan Truck, Roberts Truck and Foley Equipment. The bid invitation specified a trade-in allowance for a 1997 Ford L8000 Dump Truck and a 1998 International 2574 Dump Truck. It also specified the engine manufacturer be either Cat or Cummins. Eight bids were received and are as follows:

	<u>Net Bid</u>	<u>Trade-in Allowance</u>	<u>Final Bid</u>
<u>Williams Service</u>			
International	\$ 316,742	\$ 12,000	\$304,742
<u>Foley Equipment</u>			
Caterpillar	\$ 355,658	\$ 10,500	\$345,658
\$500 shipping added			
<u>Doonan Truck</u>			
Peterbilt Model 367	\$ 346,748	\$ 8,000	\$338,748
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Peterbilt Model 365	\$ 305,316	\$ 8,000	\$297,316
<u>Roberts Truck</u>			
International	\$ 317,996	\$ 25,000	\$292,996
<u>KS Truck Center</u>			
Western Star	\$ 312,166	\$ 18,250	\$293,916
<u>KS Truck Center</u>			
Freightliner	\$ 309,998	\$ 18,250	\$291,748
<u>Wichita Kenworth</u>			
Kenworth	\$ 331,974	\$ 10,250	\$321,724

After the bid opening, Jim was instructed to review the bids and return with a recommendation of award.

Shannon Metz, West Park Supervisor, and Carol Dilts, suggested officially naming the eastern road at West Park running from 24<sup>th</sup> St to 36<sup>th</sup> St. They proposed naming it Walnut Road. Communications/911 needs to approve all road names. The commissioners agreed to the name upon approval by Communications/911.

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss purchase of real estate. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were Counselor Greg Nye, John Waltner and Deputy Clerk, Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 11:00 a.m. with no action being taken.

At 11:00 a.m. the Commission recessed for a short break.

At 11:20 a.m. the commission reconvened. Jim Meier presented the results of the dump truck bid review. He stated that the lowest bid was \$291,748 from KS Truck Center, but that the engine in the bid is a Detroit, which did not match the bid specification. The KS Truck Center bid did include beds from Midwest Bed, which the Road & Bridge employees are used to and prefer. The second lowest bid of \$292,996 from Roberts Truck did meet the bid specification for engine manufacturer,

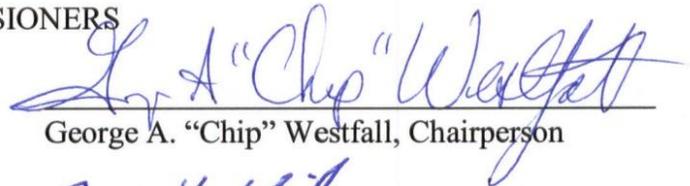
but did not contain beds from Midwest Bed. Jim suggested awarding the bid to KS Truck Center, stating that after further consideration the bid request should not have restricted the engine manufacturer to Cat or Cummins. Commissioner Hague asked if other bids may have been different if they had been allowed to bid with a Detroit engine. Jim and the representative from KS Truck Center stated that they are the only dealer with Detroit engines, so the other vendors would not have had that option. They also informed the commission that Cat engines are no longer available. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the bid for 2 class 8 dump trucks from KS Truck Center in the amount of \$291,748. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion, Commissioner Hague abstained and the motion passed 2-0. Representatives from most of the bidding companies attended the bid opening.

Shannon Metz, West Park Supervisor, and Carol Dilts, returned after meeting with Courtney Becker, Communications Director and Lon Buller, Emergency Management Director about naming the eastern road at West Park running from 24<sup>th</sup> St to 36<sup>th</sup> St. They preferred naming it Walnut Grove Road. The commissioners agreed to the name, a resolution will be presented at a future meeting.

At 11:30 a.m. the Commission had lunch delivered and began a legislative update discussion with Representative Don Schroeder and Senator Carolyn McGinn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

  
Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

