

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 19, 2013

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 19, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Chairman Westfall reported that all the commissioners received a letter from the City of Halstead expressing their opposition to the possible cessation of county maintenance on South Hertzler Road. The road was mentioned in a commission meeting during a discussion of possible ways to cut maintenance costs for the county. The road lies within a mile of Halstead Road, which is also a paved road, maintained by the county. The letter was also printed in the Halstead Independent.
2. The Demolition Derby, which is the last event of the Fair, will be held this Saturday, August 24th.
3. Commissioner Westfall stated that the open house held at AGCO to commemorate the opening of the new paint facility was a very eye opening, informative event. He was impressed by the union president that spoke and expressed his thanks that AGCO built this facility which provides job security for union workers.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that 29.65 inches of rain has fallen at his residence since July 10th. His residence is in the northwest area of the county.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. John Waltner encouraged the Commissioners to attend a health insurance seminar sponsored by the EDC on Tuesday, August 27th. The meeting will be an informational session on the new Affordable Care Act to discuss the coming changes in health insurance. There continues to be updated interpretations that all businesses need to be aware of.
2. All three Commissioners will attend the Parks Board meeting to be held tonight at the West Park Community Building.
3. A music festival is being planned for September 28th at Camp Hawk beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the August 12 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners and several other staff will leave following the last agenda item to tour some of the flood damage in the county. Two vehicles will be needed for transport.
2. The Commissioners are invited to attend a ceremony at the Schowalter Villa Chapel on August 22 at 3:30 p.m. for the presentation of a PEAK award.

3. John informed the Commission that prior KWORCC delegates remain in place unless there are new delegates appointed. Former Commissioner Roberson was the appointed delegate and Joyce Truskett is the Alternate Delegate for KWORCC. A new delegate will need to be appointed.
4. John presented a temporary construction easement for property that abuts the Burmac bridge project. Counselor Greg Nye has reviewed and approved the easement. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the temporary easement and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2013-17**, authorizing and approving a county service fee for out of county residents renewing their driver's license at the Harvey County Driver's License office. This resolution confirms a prior action of the commissioners where they approved raising the driver's license fees from \$8.00 to \$20.00 for out of county renewals beginning on June 25th. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, reported that Governor Brownback signed a Declaration of Disaster, effective July 22 through the current time. Although not all entities affected have reported damage estimates, the estimates received so far total in excess of \$700,000. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, said it could take at least a month to clean up all the damage at East Lake. Commissioner Westfall suggested that with everything the Road & Bridge Department has scheduled already, it might be better to contract out the cleanup there. Lonnie Buller indicated that FEMA money would most likely pay for the damage cleanup.
7. Jim Meier informed the Commissioners that the Road & Bridge Department is busy repairing erosion issues on roads and road shoulders following the flooding. A significant amount of sand and road material has been hauled to the southwest part of the county. All county maintained sand roads are being graded and approaches to bridge structures are also being repaired.
8. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the contract for food service for the Detention Center is being reviewed by Counselor Greg Nye.
9. Byron Warta reported that the grooving on the Newton City/County Airport is now complete. The next step in the project is the painting and striping. He also referred to the information given to the Commissioners about the drought watch over the State of Kansas. Many counties in the eastern part of the state are now out of the drought, but there are several counties in the western part of the state that continue to be very dry.
10. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that a proposal will be presented to the Commission next week for financial advisor services in preparation for the bond issues for airport improvements. Kevin Timmermeyer, Airport Manager, Tim Johnson, Assistant Manager for the City of Newton, Anthony, and bond counsel will make a trip to speak to the FAA with regard to the community hangar project. The Public Building Commission will be the financier of the project.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$62,273.68 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:02 a.m., Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session until 10:15 a.m. to discuss personnel issues. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Becky Opland, Treasurer. Executive session ended at 10:15 a.m. with no action being taken.

Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Executive Director of the EDC, and Stan Brodhagen gave a report on a recent trip to Germany where they participated in the 2013 Transportation Logistics Tradeshow, the American Chamber of Commerce Germany meeting, and a meeting with BayWa Corporation, an international trade and services group. A list of the contacts made during the trip was also provided for the Commissioners.

At 10:45 a.m. the Commissioners and staff left to tour the damage in the county caused by the recent flooding.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Joyce Truskett by Gaden Pugh
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk Deputy Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

Ron Krehbiel
Ron Krehbiel, Member

Randy Hague
Randy Hague, Member