

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

**February 11, 2013**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 11, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

Craig Kaberline, Commissioner with the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services awarded Ralph Weerts the “Volunteer of the Month” award. Mr. Weerts, who has volunteered more than 15,000 hours through the RSVP program, was selected from many statewide applicants and is the first recipient of this new award. In addition to an award certificate, he received a \$50 gift certificate from KDADS and a \$25 gift certificate from Walgreens.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel briefly discussed the proposal of implementing term limits for elected officials.
2. Commissioner Hague discussed a proposed bill to ban any municipalities from using public tax dollars to pay for lobbyists. The hearing for the bill is supposed to be held some time this morning. The bill was added on very short notice, which limits the attendance of people who could speak in opposition to the bill.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported on the public/private partnership meeting he attended last Friday. Legislative issues were discussed.
4. Commissioner Westfall also reported on the legislator’s breakfast that was held last Saturday morning. Discussion was held about the votes that have been taken in the current legislative session. It was reported that the State raided five million dollars from the oil and gas fund. This fund was initially established for 40 counties in the western part of the state in an effort to keep the tax dollars level and the money was taken without the consent of those counties. There were also questions about Kansas Medicaid and Medicare because the federal government is writing the plan for Kansas without the input of the state.
5. The South Central Kansas Legislative lunch will be held on Wednesday, February 10. Commissioner Westfall encouraged anyone who is interested to attend. They are taking the county van and there are seats still available.
6. Commissioner Westfall signed the sale of the bonds last Tuesday. The refunding bonds came in a little lower than expected which provides more savings for the county.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The aviation meeting scheduled for today will instead be held tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.
2. A breakfast meeting with Farm Bureau will be held at 7:00 a.m. on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Breadbasket.

3. The funeral for Judge Anderson will be held February 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the Messiah Lutheran Church.
4. Commissioner Westfall will be the featured speaker at a meeting of the Walton Senior Citizens at the Whistle Stop Café on Friday, March 1. He will speak on “What’s going on in County Government.”
5. The results of the Community Health Assessment will be announced at 3:00 p.m. today at 215 South Pine. This is the building where Prairie View, Health Ministries, and the County Health Department will co-locate.

Minutes of the February 4, 2013 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner reminded the Commissioners that the annual Township dinner will be held tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Road & Bridge building.
2. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of an appointment of a county representative to the Health Ministries Board. John has talked with the Health Ministries Director, Matt Schmidt, who has asked that if there is someone interested in being a full working board member, he would like to meet with them to discuss the requirements of the position. Commissioner Westfall suggested that Matt Schmidt meet with the Commissioners to discuss this appointment.
3. Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, presented two changes in the fee schedule for the Health Department. There will be a charge of \$2.48 for prenatal vitamins, and a sliding fee schedule for the rental of a breast pump. Lynnette said that all charges will be closely reviewed later this year, hopefully before the budget is presented. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the new fees for prenatal vitamins and breast pump rental. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Lynnette informed the Commissioners that a bill has been introduced at the state to prohibit county health departments from being accredited. Commissioner Hague was invited to tour the Health Department so he could become familiar with the department and how it works.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2013-6**, ordering and authorizing the county counselor to initiate and conduct a lawful county tax foreclosure action. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Counselor Greg Nye presented proposed changes to the road impact fee. The changes include exemptions for paved roads and county maintained roads, the number of miles covered by the fee, and automatic refunding of the fee if not used within two years. Other issues with the fee were discussed and noted. This will be scheduled as an agenda item for more discussion.
6. Chairman Westfall commended Jim Meier on the article in the Newton Kansan about road overlays and maintenance printed in the Newton Kansan last Friday.

7. Gina Bell, Director of Planning & Zoning, reported that she and Julie O’Flynn, secretary for the department, attended an environmental meeting regarding small flows. Gina also reported that she will be the featured speaker for the Board of Realtors.

**CITIZEN’S FORUM**

There were no items presented during Citizen’s Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$515,128.76 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$500.00 for the week of February 1 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd Hanchett, Undersheriff, opened bids received for the purchase of vehicles for the sheriff’s department. The bids received are as follows:

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Don Hattan</u>	<u>Midway Mtrs</u>	<u>Resnik Mtrs</u>
4	2013 Chevy Tahoe PPV	\$ 107,332.00	\$ 113,227.24	No Bid
2	Less Trade - Chevy Impalas	9,500.00	7,500.00	
1	Less Trade - Dodge Truck	7,500.00	11,500.00	
1	Less Trade - Ford Crown Vic	1,000.00	300.00	
	Net Bid	\$ 89,332.00	\$ 93,927.24	
	Delivery Time			
1	2013 Dodge Caravan	No Bid	\$ 20,671.00	\$ 20,780.00
1	Less Trade for Chevy Venture		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,250.00
			\$ 18,671.00	\$ 19,530.00

Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the low bid from Don Hattan for the 4 Chevy Tahoe Police Patrol Vehicles, and the low bid from Midway Motors, for the Dodge Caravan, with the provision that staff review the bids to determine that all specifications are met. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 12:00 p.m. the Commission recessed to attend the Valentine’s Day celebration at the office of the District Court.

At 1:05 p.m. the Chairman of the PBC, Rich Denno, called the meeting of the Public Building Commission to order. Minutes of the January 7 PBC meeting were approved upon a motion by Robert Nattier, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the bond sale for the refunding bonds occurred on Tuesday, February 5. The bonds were sold at a present value savings of 4.12% and represented a savings of approximately \$33,000. The Bonds were marketed locally and a portion was purchased by First Bank. Kevin Cowan, bond attorney with Gilmore & Bell, explained the refinancing of the bonds.

The bonds were refinanced as taxable bonds so there would be fewer restrictions on how the property could be used prior to the development of the fairgrounds. There was also a significant amount of savings realized by refinancing. Prior to refinancing the average interest rate was 4.26%. After refinancing the average interest rate is 2.17%. A portion of the old bonds can be paid off on March 1 and the remainder is not payable until August 1. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve **PBC Resolution No. 2013-2**, authorizing and providing for the issuance of Harvey County PBC taxable refunding revenue bonds in the amount of \$750,000, and authorizing the execution and delivery of a supplemental lease No. 2 between the PBC and Harvey County. Robert Nattier seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. At 1:20 p.m. Richard Denno made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the PBC. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

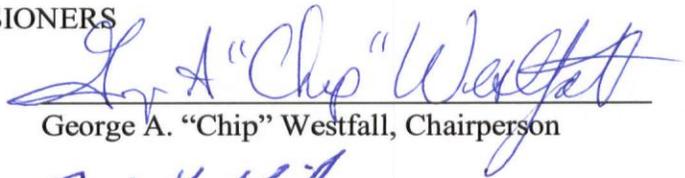
The Harvey County Commission meeting was reconvened at 1:20 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2013-7**, authorizing Harvey County to enter into a supplemental lease no. 2 whereby the county will continue to lease from the Harvey County PBC certain real property. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The closing for the bonds will occur on March 2.

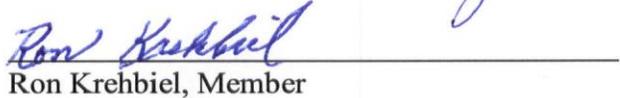
At 1:45 Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss personnel contractual issues. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. In addition to the three commissioners, John Waltner was in attendance for the session. Executive session ended at 2:00 p.m. with no action being taken.

Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve a three-year employment contract, including an increase in pay, with Administrator John Waltner. The contract will conclude January 31, 2016. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

  
Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

