

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 14, 2013

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 14, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that he and Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, travelled East Lake Road to see what can be done to improve it. They also looked at the silt traps at East Lake to see if anything could be done while the water level is so low.
2. Commissioner Westfall testified at the South Central Kansas Legislative Conference in Wichita last Thursday.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that the stakes that were placed to identify the pipeline route should be left up as long as possible unless they interfere with farming. He also thanked the Road & Bridge Department for hauling 159 tons of salt for the City of Newton.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel also thanked the Road & Bridge Department for hauling sand for some of the roads in the Western part of the County.
5. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the energy tax credits that were renewed were applicable to solid waste. He also reported that KDOT has appropriated a quarter of a million dollars for lighting for Highway 35 and Highway 50.
6. Commissioner Roberson asked if the problem at the construction site on Highway 50, which interfered with line of vision was corrected. Sheriff Walton reported that it was corrected very quickly. There is currently no left turn allowed from Anderson to west 50 Highway. Sheriff Walton will inquire about it at the next site review.
7. Commissioner Westfall reported that the Driver's License Office served 11,241 customers and collected \$229,113 in fees for State of Kansas in 2012.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The annual REAP regional legislative luncheon will be held at 12:00 p.m. on February 13.
2. Commissioner Westfall will attend a Harvey County 911 board meeting on Thursday, January 17.
3. There will be a REAP Legislative Committee meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25 in Wichita.
4. A kick-off meeting for the Sustainable Communities Grant will be held on Friday, February 1. There will be a breakfast for elected officials from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and then the meeting will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Minutes of the January 7, 2013 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 10:35 a.m. for the swearing-in ceremony to be held in the south courtroom of District Court. Before turning the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Westfall, Chairman Roberson stated that she had enjoyed serving the people of Harvey County as a Commissioner. She wished Commissioner-Elect Randy Hague well as he begins his term as a Commissioner. She stated that he will have two good people to work with in Commissioners Krehbiel and Westfall. She also said that the staff is always good to answer questions and help.

The following elected officials were sworn in by Judge Richard Walker:

Commissioner, 2 nd District	Randy Hague
Commissioner, 3 rd District	Ron Krehbiel
Sheriff	T. Walton
Attorney	David Yoder
Clerk	Joyce Truskett
Treasurer	Becky Fields
Register of Deeds	Margaret Hermstein

Following a short reception the meeting was reconvened at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Commissioner Westfall as Chairman of the Commission. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hague made a motion to appoint Commissioner Krehbiel as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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

Chairman Westfall	Local Emergency Planning Commission Aviation Board REAP Board Public-Private Partnership KLP Development Authority Fairgrounds Site Development Committee Chamber Breakfast Representative
Commissioner Krehbiel	Board of Community Corrections Regional Youth Advisory Board Central Kansas Solid Waste Authority Little Arkansas River Water Board (WRAP) KLP Development Authority Alternate

Commissioner Hague

REAP Board Alternate
Public Building Commission
Coordinated Transit Board
Harvey County Council of Governments

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2013**, setting salaries for Harvey County Department Heads beginning January 5, 2013. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Counselor Greg Nye informed the Commissioners that there was a mistake made on two plats that listed Asbury Park as the legal owner of the parcels. Because the parcels are bonded by Harvey County, they should have had the ownership listed as Harvey County until the bonds are paid off. To correct the plats, Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve changing the ownership to Harvey County and authorize John Waltner to sign the changes. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Counselor Greg Nye reported that Westar has done some condemnation at Rock Creek Lake subdivision located near the Highway 50 and Anderson intersection. The property was used as a location for a very large electrical pole. They discovered that there were two years back taxes owed on the property. They have agreed to pay the condemnation and the taxes will be paid out of that amount. This includes about \$35,000 in taxes.
4. Roy Patton, Director of the Transfer Station, informed the Commissioners that he had submitted a request on the Capital Improvement Plan to replace the JCB at the Transfer Station. He had set aside \$30,000 for a lease-purchase of a new machine. After researching new equipment prices and learning that the prices have doubled, he is now requesting to overhaul the engine and purchase new tires and wheels for the current JCB, which has been specially modified to fit our needs at the Transfer Station. The engine overhaul would cost \$12,500, new tires and wheels would cost \$13,917, and a cylinder repair kit for the seat would cost \$1,300. The warranty on the overhauled engine would be 1,000 hours or 6 months as opposed to a warranty of one year on a new machine. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to amend the CIP and use the \$30,000 to make repairs to the JCB in lieu of purchasing a new one. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Jim Meier reported that he has talked with KDOT and they forwarded a page from the uniform traffic control manual to use as a guide for the approval of bicycle signs on certain county roads. He stated that the signs conform in color, shape, size, and symbols. Commissioner Hague asked about the bridge on South 36th Street over the interstate that will be closed for 2 days in 2014. Traffic will be re-routed onto South Kansas Avenue and SE 72nd Street. Jim also reported that they had put down a lot of sand on roads after the rain last week.
6. Sheriff T. Walton gave an update on the vehicle that was found abandoned on Woodberry and NW 36th Street. The vehicle was later determined to have a meth lab inside of it. Detectives were able to get some fingerprints off of the vehicle and two

- suspects have been arrested. He also reported that because of the possible gun law changes, there is now a shortage of ammunition. Consideration is being given to practice rounds and how much ammunition is used during practice.
7. Byron Warta reported that there are 100 communities in the State of Kansas are under a drought watch. In addition there are 40 communities that are in potential drought emergencies and 10 communities are in extreme drought emergencies.
 8. The Airport meeting scheduled for this afternoon has been rescheduled for January 28.
 9. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the anticipated closing date for the Schowalter Villa IRB bond sale is February 14. The anticipated date for the Commission to pass a resolution of intent to refinance the PBC bonds is January 22.
 10. The Commissioners signed the KCAMP Public Officials Bond that requires the signatures of all Commissioners.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Gary Loyd asked John Waltner about an article printed in the Newton Kansan on January 2. The article reported that the county tax levy per capita is the lowest in the state and that the 2012 mill levy stayed fairly stable. Mr. Loyd challenged that there was a 2.5 mill increase in 2012. John responded that the article misquoted what he actually said. He said the mill levies that were set in 2012 to pay the 2013 budget stayed almost the same. The article also quoted John as saying that "In the future, choices may have to be made either to cut services or raise taxes." Mr. Loyd stated that the County is not ready for another tax increase and that citizens have to learn to live within their means and the county should also. Commissioner Hague stated that part of the problem is the federal and state budget cuts that have passed costs on to local governments. Mr. Loyd also stated that raises for employees should not have been granted during these economic times. He does not hear of the private sector giving raises. Jim Meier stated that it is hard to keep good employees and compete with wages in the private sector. Jim said he lost an employee to the private sector for a \$3.00 per hour increase. That particular job did not require any special skills. Anthony stated that some employees received an increase and some did not.

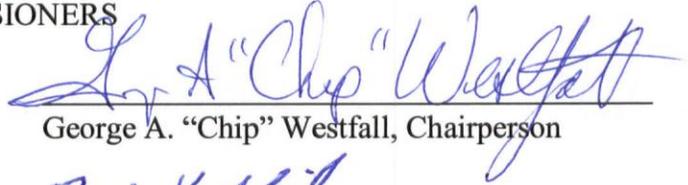
Leo Stahly said that, even though the article misquoted Mr. Waltner, the way the article was printed made citizens lose credibility in the county.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$395,399.47 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$760.00 for the week of January 4 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss economic development. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Counselor Greg Nye, Anthony Swartzendruber, Joyce Truskett, and Roy Patton. Executive session ended at 12:45 p.m. with no action being taken.

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

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson


Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk


Randy Hague, Member

