

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

**January 22, 2013**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 22, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Hague reported that he was approached by a citizen who is interested in purchasing the rock crusher located in the yard near Hesston. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, said that the county would be interested in selling it, but that there are numerous breaks and cracks in it. The motor on it is good.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the annual Boy Scout Jamboree was held at West Park last weekend. There were 6,195 campers that registered and paid plus an estimated 2,000 more on swap day.
3. Commissioner Westfall had a communication from Will Tate inquiring as to whether anyone from the County would be attending the Animal summit. Sheriff T. Walton and Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, and Commissioner Krehbiel will be attending.
4. Commissioner Westfall was again contacted by Jimmy Senn requesting a list of farm ground owned by the county and leased to farmers. He wants to know who leases the ground and when the leases come up for renewal. Anthony Swartzendruber said that a list was given to the Commission a couple of months ago that could be sent to him. All the contracts that the County has roll over until either the farmer or the County chooses to end the contract. There is a small piece of ground near Halstead that will be available. A list will be mailed to Mr. Senn.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The Commissioners will leave at 1:00 on Thursday to attend County Government Day in Topeka. Commissioner Krehbiel will not be attending.
2. The annual dinner and meeting of the Harvey County Conservation District will be held at the Halstead High School on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. All three Commissioners will attend.

Minutes of the January 14, 2013 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John reported that there have been some incidents that have occurred in the Courthouse that indicate that there needs to be some discussions about security in the Courthouse. Sheriff Walton is working on a plan that will include suggestions about employee protocol for these situations. This will be brought before the Commission in two weeks.

2. Jim Meier reported that he has been contacted by Mike Longshaw of KDOT who has asked whether the County would be willing to take over K89 which is the main access road to Halstead from Highway 50. This would include the bridge just north of the Halstead business district. The road is approximately 1.5 miles long and KDOT is offering \$200,000 per mile. The County has been opposed to this in the past because of the cost of maintaining the road and the bridge. Following discussion the Commissioners agreed they are not interested in taking over the road at this time. Commissioner Westfall stated that this is another example of the State passing their responsibilities down to county and city municipalities. There would be some benefit in acquiring lane miles for the county because funding is appropriated according to lane miles.
3. Jim reported that his crews have checked Ridge Road after it was reported that the pavement was coming up. No problems were found.
4. Lonnie Buller presented the final addendum to the lease agreement with WWCP for the lease of a portion of the building at 311 S. Meridian. The addendum includes a reserve area on the outside of the building which will be used as a turning area for the trailers and temporary parking. The monthly lease amount of \$935.00 plus \$121.84 to offset building taxes will be split by the County and the City  
Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the addendum to the lease and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Gina Bell, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented a recommendation for the appointment of Philip Kimmerer to the Planning & Zoning Commission representing District #3. The second reading will be heard next week.
6. Gina reported that counselor Greg Nye sent a list of items discussed by the Commission to the property owners who have requested a conditional use permit to operate a pastor's retreat. Counselor Nye is absent from today's meeting.
7. Commissioner Hague asked why the County has both a Counselor and an Attorney. John explained that the County Attorney does the criminal prosecutions and that the County Counselor handles legal issues for the County.
8. John reported that Waste Connections, lessors of the recycling building, is not interested in subleasing part of the space there, as requested by Steve Meyer.
9. Amy Bickell from the Hutchinson News has asked John to provide an article for the progress edition of the paper. This would focus on some of the future economic development issues and vision of the County. John asked the Commission whether they would be interested in doing this. The Commissioners chose not to participate in the story at this time.
10. The total cost of hiring Bernie Koch as a lobbyist is \$6,000. All of the municipalities of the county have agreed to participate in it. Burrton, Halstead, Hesston, Sedgwick, North Newton, and the EDC will each pay \$500. Walton will pay \$250 and the remaining \$3,250 will be split between the County and the City of Newton.
11. Byron Warta reported that the Kansas Water Authority meeting will be held next week.
12. Todd Hanchett, Undersheriff, presented the proposed invitation to bidders for the purchase of four new, either 2012 or 2013 Chevy Tahoe PPV (Police Patrol

Vehicles), and one new Dodge or Chrysler seven passenger compact van. Bids will be due by February 8 and will be opened on February 11. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the invitation to bidders. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

13. Sheriff Walton presented the 2012 year end report for the Sheriff's Department. Auto accidents nearly doubled. He speculates that it is because of more inattentive drivers and cell phone use. The Detention Center took in approximately \$400,000 more in revenues than what was budgeted.

### **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$78,793.80 for the week of January 17 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Gina Bell presented a revised fee schedule for environmental fees. The schedule has been revised because of the LEPP funding cuts from the State and because Harvey County fees are below what other counties charge. Each of the permit application fees was reviewed and those that were being increased were discussed. Road impact fees were also discussed. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the fees as presented, effective January 22. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony presented **Resolution No. 2013-4**, approving the sale of Harvey County Public Building Commission refunding revenue bonds, series 2013. Dustin Avey, representative of Piper Jaffray, explained the objective of refinancing the bonds. The current bonds are for the development of a new Harvey County Fairgrounds. Since the purpose of the land use has been delayed, and the land is being leased to a farmer, the bonding should be done through taxable bonds. The bond rate is also lower now than when the bonds were first taken out. The bond amount for refinancing is estimated to be about \$750,000 and the projected net savings is approximately \$30,855.96. Mr. Avey reviewed all information for the bond transaction. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the resolution, and Commissioner Hague seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Commission meeting was recessed for the meeting of the Public Building Commission.

At 11:10 a.m. Rich Denno called the meeting of the Public Building Commission to order. In addition to Mr. Denno, Commissioner Hague was present and Bob Nattier was present by phone. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was deferred until the next meeting. Anthony presented a resolution to obtain taxable refunding bonds to replace non-taxable bonds on the property at this time. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve **PBC Resolution No. 2013-1**, a resolution of intent to issue taxable public refunding bonds. Rich Denno seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The PBC meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. and the Commission meeting was called back to order.

Anthony Swartzendruber presented two bids received for the phone and voicemail system for Harvey County. The bids are as follows:

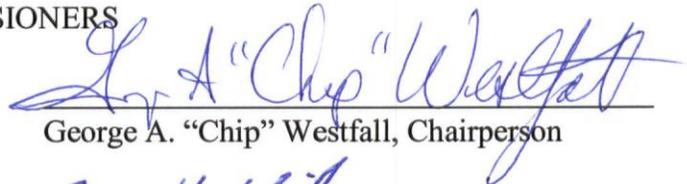
Inside Connections	\$24,285
Great Plains Communications	\$25,822

Commissioner Hague made a motion to accept the bids as received and have staff review them and report back to the Commission next week. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss matters of confidentiality and personnel matters. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, and Joyce Truskett. Anthony Swartzendruber and Joyce Truskett left the session at 11:50 a.m. At 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to extend the session for an additional 20 minutes. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance was John Waltner. Executive session ended at 12:20 p.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

  
Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

