

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

**May 6, 2013**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 6, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the floor sealer used on the floor at the West Park Community Building has significantly improved the looks of the floor and the upkeep has also been made easier.
2. Commissioner Westfall received calls from the officers of Macon Township regarding the maintenance of Southwest 24<sup>th</sup> Street between Meridian Road and Cow Palace Road. A portion of the road belongs to the City of Newton and Macon Township does not want to be responsible for the maintenance. There is increased traffic on the road due to the closing of Anderson Road during construction of a roundabout at Highway 50 and the road is continuing to deteriorate. Research will be done regarding the ownership boundaries and then it will be determined what steps to take to get the condition of the road improved.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The Kansas Water Authority meeting will be held in the Harvey County Courthouse Community Room on May 16 at 12:30 p.m. Chairman Westfall will provide the welcome at the meeting.
2. The Commissioners will attend the KCCA annual conference in Wichita on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. They will meet at the Courthouse on Wednesday morning at 6:45 a.m. to travel to the conference.
3. A come and go reception in honor of Roger Ahrens, retiring President of Full Vision, Inc. will be held at the Fox Ridge Restaurant on May 7 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the April 29 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Chairman Westfall introduced John Reed who is the new Mayor of Walton.
2. Ruth Sperling has resigned as Treasurer of Pleasant Township. According to K.S.A. 25-1606, vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners. Upon the recommendation of the two remaining township board members, Commissioner Hague made a motion to appoint Bruce Hoffer to the vacated position as of this date. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. The County received a letter from the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Department of Water Resources, notifying the Parks Department that all wells

- located at the Parks need to have flow meters on them. Both wells at West Park have flow meters on them and there are no wells located at East Park. However, there is one well at Camp Hawk that will need to have a flow meter installed on it.. Although this has been a DWR regulation for some time, it has not been enforced until now.
4. The Commissioners received a copy of a response from John Waltner that was sent to the Director of the EDC regarding a proposed funding increase for budget year 2014. A brief discussion was held.
  5. The Commissioners received a copy of the state statute regulating the naming of roads. The statute provides that the Board of County Commissioners can name or rename roads. Counselor Greg Nye explained a proposal to name the road that runs on the east side of West Park from 36<sup>th</sup> Street to 24<sup>th</sup> Street. The proposed name is Walnut Grove Road. Both the staff at West Park and 911 Communications have been informed and have approved the name. Pursuant to K.S.A. 19-2961(d), Commissioner Hague made a motion to name the road at West Park that runs on the east side of the Little Arkansas River from 36<sup>th</sup> Street to 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Walnut Grove Road. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  6. The Commissioners received a copy of a note from Tye Engel expressing appreciation for the stop signs that were placed at the intersection of SW 72<sup>nd</sup> and S. Emma Creek Road. John reported that another property owner thanked the county for the placement of stop signs at Oliver and 24<sup>th</sup> Street.
  7. Anthony Swartzendruber informed the commissioners that budget hearings will begin next week. All outside entities have been scheduled between now and the end of June with County Departments interspersed.
  8. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, started on the patching season this morning. They started on South Hertzler. Commissioner Krehbiel asked if any repair on Dutch Avenue west of Hesston is scheduled. Nothing is scheduled at this time, but Jim said it will have to have something done to it next year. The mowing with the test tractor provided by Agco has also begun and is going fairly well. There is a feature called a “float” that Jim believes needs to be added to the tractor. He also reported that two employees went to Louisiana to pick up a water tank truck for the Road & Bridge Department.
  9. Sheriff T. Walton reported that four female inmates graduated from a parenting class held at the Detention Center. The class was funded through a grant and was taught by Jason Reynolds and Marlene Beeson. Jason will also be teaching a 12-week Dave Ramsey Budgeting and Finance class. Inmates will be required to purchase a book that costs \$15.00. The same class will be offered for county employees, beginning in August. Sheriff Walton and 4 other staff members helped with a fundraiser last Saturday for the Salvation Army. The Detention Center population reached 128 over the weekend, but is now down to 118.
  10. Byron Warta updated the Commission on the progress of the runway reconstruction at the Newton City/County Airport. One concrete lane has been completed and the cross tunnels for drainage are in.
  11. Sheriff Walton reported that the remains of 3 indigent people continue to be kept at the Sheriff’s Department. They are hoping to gather enough donations to build a small memorial area at West Park where the ashes can then be scattered.

12. Gina Bell, Planning and Zoning Director, reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission will meet tomorrow evening to discuss an application for a conditional use permit to operate an entertainment venue on NW 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

No items were presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$478,176.21 and handwritten checks in the amount of \$16,607.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Byron Warta reported that the Air Ambulance Service that is located at the Newton City/County Airport has joined with an air ambulance service to provide service in Hawaii.

Janet Cagle presented the FY 2014 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application. There are three goals outlined in the application. They are as follows:

1. Achieve and maintain a supervision success rate of at least 75% or improve such rate by at least 3% from the previous year.
2. Begin a structured job search program for moderate to high-risk probationers by September 30, 2013.
3. McPherson County Community Corrections will have an in-house cognitive behavioral intervention during FY 14.

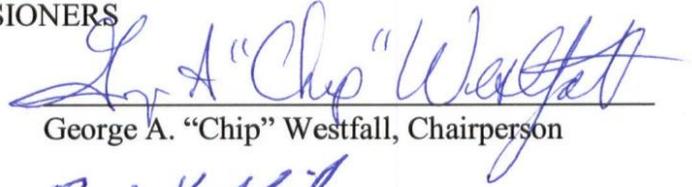
Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the 2014 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and give the Chairman the authority to sign the document. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

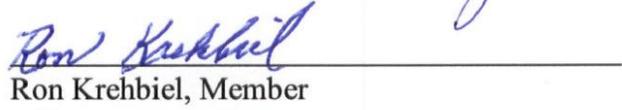
Gina Bell gave the Commissioners a copy of a guidance document provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture for the implementation of HB 2363 which includes several amendments to dam and stream obstruction permit requirements. The new regulations will take effect on July 1, 2013.

At 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss attorney/client privilege regarding worker's compensation claims and an IRS audit. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

  
Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

