

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 9, 2013**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 9, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Hague reported that he attended the Kansas Chamber of Commerce meeting last week where discussion was held regarding the impact of the elimination of state income taxes.
2. Following an article in the Wichita Eagle about the Sedgwick County Health Department receiving outdated or improperly stored vaccine, Chairman Westfall asked about the status of vaccine received by Harvey County. If vaccine in Harvey County was compromised, people who received the vaccine will need to be notified.
3. Chairman Westfall and John Waltner will meet with Mayor Jim Nickel and Newton City Manager, Randy Riggs today to finalize an agenda for the joint City/County Commission meeting to be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. He asked that any added agenda items be made known to him.
4. The Commissioners received a copy of a letter to the City of Sedgwick from Sedgwick County Commissioner, James Skelton, stating that the Sedgwick County Commission does not have any duty or responsibility in the issues with Sedgwick Valley Drainage District No. 1. Commissioner Westfall talked with Sedgwick County Commissioner Ranzau who stated that they have information which indicates the drainage district was established by special legislation and does not meet the guidelines and standards of regular drainage districts. The City of Sedgwick is concerned about the drainage district because of drainage issues in the area it serves. Because of the manner in which the district was formed, it is believed that the Kansas Attorney General will have to settle the issues.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Allison McFarland, Bethel College Instructor, will make a presentation titled "Millennials in the Workplace" at the Department Head meeting to be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. City of Newton employees have also been invited to attend.

Minutes of the September 3 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. The Commissioners received a copy of an editorial printed in the Wichita Eagle on September 6, commending the Harvey County Driver's License Office for their prompt courteous service. John also received a phone call from Duane Lanier who

- also commented on the excellent service he received there. There are some new Driver's License Offices opening in Sedgwick County with expanded hours on Mondays that should alleviate the load on the Harvey County Office.
2. The Commissioners will attend a meeting on Friday, September 27 at Prairie View. The speaker is Katherine Friedebach, M.D., Chief Medical Director of the Sunflower State Health Plan. She will speak about the implementation of Health Care Reform in Kansas.
  3. The Commissioners have been invited to a meeting in Wichita on September 26 which will include information on the role of Commissioners in the public health process.
  4. Paula Downs, Director of the South Central Prosperity Initiative, will be at the Carriage Factory this evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to invite public input for that planning process.
  5. John reported that he and Heidi Huber have tried very hard to get either a Boy Scout or school group to assist in fundraising for the State House Map Project. They were unable to find anyone who could take on the project in the short time frame allowed as the money needs to be turned in by the end of September. The KAC requested that each of the 105 counties contribute \$1,000 to fund the map project. Commissioner Hague stated that he believes that it is unfair that smaller counties be requested to pay the same amount as very large counties.
  6. John received information from Lake Township that they are proposing to build a new township building just south of the current township building. There is a platted street on the land just south of where the new building will be constructed. They will ask the County to vacate the road that is platted.
  7. The Commissioners received a copy of the executed agreement for food service at the Detention Center.
  8. Anthony Swartzendruber informed the Commissioners that the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation has notified the County of an Emergency Solutions Grant award in the amount of \$18,627. MIDKCAP will receive \$9,000 for homeless prevention and Harvey County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force Inc. will receive \$9,137. The award also allows \$490 for administration. Commissioner Hague made a motion to accept the contractual provisions of the grant award and give the Chairman the authority to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  9. Anthony reported that the City of Newton and the County continue to work on the Community Hangar project at the Newton City/County Airport. The Harvey County Public Building Commission will need to pass an authorizing resolution to issue bonds for the project. At this time the maximum not to exceed amount is \$1,600,000. After a 30 day period, the City and the County could send then obtain plans and send out bid documents, etc. The project is to be entirely funded by lease revenues at the airport and the bonds are expected to be 15-year bonds.
  10. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reports that they continue on the overlay project and the cleanup at East Lake.
  11. Sheriff T. Walton reported that they have already received five inmates this week that are a result of the new "Dip Law." The new contract, with increased per-day

- costs for federal prisoners, began on September 5.
12. Byron Warta reported that the last regional aerobatics competition will be held at the airport on the last weekend of September. There will be a French team in the competition. He also gave the Commissioners a report on activities at the EDC.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

Sharon Musser, of 309 Brookside Drive, asked if the Commission has considered meeting during evening hours so working citizens could attend. Chairman Westfall stated that it has been discussed, but not implemented. She also asked if the Commission minutes are printed in the paper. They are always available as an open record and they are also posted on the website. Ms. Musser asked how many years a taxpayer can be delinquent on payment of their taxes before the property is sold at a tax sale. Counselor Nye said that it is three years if it is a homestead and two years if it is not. Ms. Musser suggested that if all delinquent taxes were paid, it surely would lower the mill levy. A tax sale on 96 properties is now in progress. The monies recovered would go to pay court costs first, and then back taxes.

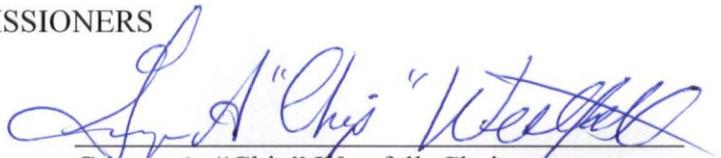
Warrant checks in the amount of \$103,026.33 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$840.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

At 11:00 the meeting was recessed to attend the Quad County meeting in Park City.

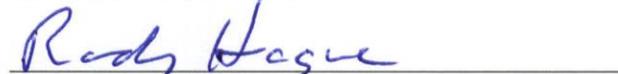
At 1:40 p.m. the Commissioners reconvened the meeting. An incorrect item was discovered on the minutes that were previously approved. The corrected minutes were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

  
Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

