

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

**October 7, 2013**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 7, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall expressed concern about the possible county level impact of the federal government shutdown.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Following the Commission meeting on Monday October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Courthouse will be closed for an employee in-service day. The Commission will have a short meeting, beginning earlier than normal, followed by an employee meeting at 8:30 a.m.
2. The Council of Governments meeting will be on Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 a.m.
3. The “Millennials in the Workplace” presentation that was postponed has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes of the September 30 Commission meeting were approved with corrections upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner received a request from Jerry Blain, formerly with the City of Wichita Water Department for a letter of support to accompany the submittal of the ASR project for a national water project award. The commission requested a draft copy of the application.
2. John informed the commission of the current status of the county level impact of the federal government shutdown. John said that the Health Department has the most federal funding and would be the first department affected, especially the WIC program. The State of Kansas has about 2 weeks of funding left. John stated that the county does not have the means to fund this program, but they are meeting with local grocery stores to try to work out a way to continue to assist the approximately 250 weekly clients of the WIC services. The other departments that may be affected are the senior transportation program and law enforcement. Anthony stated that most federal funding for the other departments, except the Health Department, are reimbursement based so their operations would not be affected with a short term federal shutdown, but a long term shutdown with no federal reimbursements would have a major impact on some programs.
3. John invited the commissioners to attend a Local Officials Summit on October, 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at WSU. The topic will be the prosperity plan or the REAP sustainability grant program. The featured speaker will be the Mayor of Mission, Kansas.

4. John noted that the IRB bonds being issued by the City of Hesston are taxable bonds because the company, TW Properties, LLC, does not own the property and will lease the facility.
5. John invited the commissioners to attend the Columbus Day County employee in-service day.
6. Commissioner Hague made a motion to waive the second reading and re-appoint Barbara Bunting to the Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections Advisory Board for a 3 year term representing the educational sector. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. John presented the Contract for Legal Services for 2014 with the Harvey County Legal Services Panel (HCLSP or Indigent Defense) with a few changes from last year's contract. The new contract reflects a \$10,000 flat fee increase to \$145,000 per year. The new chair of the panel is Mike Llamas. The fee has not been increased for at least three years. Commissioner Hague thought they should not request a 7% increase all at once and it should have been spread out 1-2% per year. Staff recommends approval of the contract because the increase is included in the budget and the flat fee program works very well. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the Contract for Legal Services for 2014 with the Harvey County Legal Services Panel (HCLSP) as written, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that the striping contractor is beginning work today. A vendor will be demonstrating a flex arm mowing attachment and they will try it out to see if it would be useful for our operations. Commissioner Westfall stated the he has received a lot of positive comments on the railcar culvert project. He suggested looking at other locations that might be feasible for this application such as SW 96<sup>th</sup> Street at Jester Creek.
9. Sheriff T. Walton reported that a new deputy graduated from KLETC last week. He also informed the commission that the Stanford forfeiture auction will be held at noon on October 15<sup>th</sup> and they will have a medal ceremony on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. for the Emergency Response Team that assisted in the standoff in Wichita. He reported that the department assisted in a vehicle chase that began in McPherson County and ended in Harvey County near NW 72<sup>nd</sup> Street & West Street. He stated that they had communication issues with dispatch and each other at that site.
10. Anthony Swartzendruber presented a KCAMP insurance renewal questionnaire that states that the vehicle policy does not cover individuals that are not county employees or direct volunteers of the county, except for prisoners. Also, any board or council who are not appointed by the commissioners and extension councils or any activity associated with them are not covered by the county insurance. There was a lengthy discussion about the policy and Anthony was directed to clarify some points of the policy with KCAMP prior to submittal.
11. Anthony received a request from the Newton Fire Department to place a banner on the courthouse lawn for Fire Prevention Week, October 6 thru 12. Greg Nye stated that he thought there might be an arson trial this week. The commissioners approved placing the banner on the lawn if the district court also agreed.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$90,656.56 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial report and stated that all departments and funds are on track for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

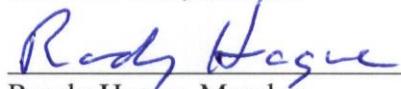
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Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk