

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 8, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on December 8, 2014 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that he checked the road conditions on South East Lake Road and SE 36th Street on Saturday following the rain. He thanked the Road and Bridge Department for shifting their schedules so they could work on the roads.
2. Commissioner Hague was also contacted by citizens about the condition of these particular roads.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel received some good comments from citizens about some of the newly resurfaced roads.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall will attend a REAP Executive Committee meeting in Wichita on Thursday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m.
2. Commissioner Westfall will attend a Public-Private Sub-Committee meeting at Charlie's Restaurant at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, December 12.
3. There will be a joint City-County meeting on Tuesday, December 16 at 5:30 p.m.
4. There will be a Council of Governments meeting on Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 a.m. at the Breadbasket.
5. The retirement reception for Bob Cheney, Noxious Weed Director, will be held on Friday, December 19 at the Road and Bridge Department from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of the November 24, 2015 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John reported that Counselor Greg Nye sent a letter to an individual in Abilene, KS regarding the non-payment to the Fair Board for a demolition derby held earlier this fall. The payment was received following receipt of the letter.
2. The City of Newton will hold a hearing at 7:00 p.m. on December 16 regarding a tax abatement request that involves both the City and the County.
3. The interviews for the position of Noxious Weed Director will be held on Tuesday afternoon, December 16.
4. Gina Bell, Director of Planning and Zoning presented amended FEMA flood maps for an area within the City of Sedgwick. The City paid to have the area surveyed and submitted revised elevations. As a result, the flood plain was narrowed in an area on the east side of Sedgwick south of 7th Street which will save residents in the area a considerable amount of money in flood insurance premiums. The revision does not go into effect until April of 2015.

5. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2014-28**, designating public holidays for 2015. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2014-29**, cancelling certain warrants. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Todd Hanchett, Undersheriff, presented an invitation to bidders for the purchase of one new Dodge or Chrysler seven-passenger compact van, one Chevy Tahoe Police Package, and five 2015 Chevy Tahoes with police package four-wheel drive pursuit. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the invitation to bidders to purchase vehicles for the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that there is a significant gopher problem at West Park and proposed a technique to control them that is being successfully used by Sedgwick County Parks. This is the best time of year to use the technique and the cost would be about \$1,300.
9. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that crews worked on SE 36th Street and East Lake Road Friday afternoon and Saturday. They are also blading today. A significant amount of rock material was applied, but he said the material needs to be compacted.
10. Byron Warta reported that the Governor's 50-Year Water Plan is mostly complete now.
11. Sheriff T. Walton reported that burglaries are increasing, which is fairly normal for this time of year. He also reported that the two steel doors on the west side of the Law Enforcement Center have deteriorated to the point of needing to be replaced. The doors have been repaired numerous times. He has received one bid for replacement in the amount of \$4,000.
12. Counselor Greg Nye requested a 10 minute executive session during the meeting.
13. Anthony Swartzendruber presented the sales tax collections reports for the Month of November. The year-to-date collections are up 13.43% as compared to 2013.
14. Anthony also gave the Commissioners a final budget book that he put together for the 2015 year. John stated that this budget book represents a tremendous amount of work, is well organized, and contains a great deal of information. The book is much improved from the books the Commissioners received in the past.
15. Anthony gave an update on the construction in the Courthouse. The heat pump will hopefully be functional in the basement sometime next week.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$730,428.81 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:30 a.m. Rich Denno, Chairman of the Harvey County Public Building Commission called the meeting of the PBC to order. Board members present, in addition to Mr. Denno, were Tim Johnson, Eugene Wendling, and Commissioner Hague.

PBC minutes of the previous meeting were presented for approval. Eugene Wendling made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tim Johnson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Kevin Cowan, Bond Counsel, explained the process for the sale of bonds to finance the 800 Mhz radio project. The amount requested is 4.3 million, which would include the construction of two towers, but excludes the cost of the actual radios. The County will request the PBC to finance the project. The project was discussed and it was noted that the bond may end up being less, depending on the tower construction. County Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve Harvey County **Resolution No. 2014-30**, requesting the Public Building Commission to issue revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,300,000 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs to acquire, construct, furnish, equip and install 911 emergency communications system improvements in Harvey County. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Tim Johnson made a motion to approve **PBC Resolution No 2014-7**, declaring it necessary for the Harvey County PBC to acquire, construct, furnish, equip and install 911 emergency communication system improvements in Harvey County and to issue revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,300,000 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs thereof and related financing costs. Eugene Wendling seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hague made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Harvey County PBC. Eugene Wendling seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss attorney client privilege and pending litigation. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Counselor Greg Nye, Jim Meier, and Joyce Truskett. Jim Meier left the session at 11:00 a.m. At 11:05 Commissioner Hague made a motion to extend the session for a period of five minutes. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 11:10 a.m. with no action being taken.

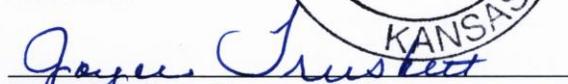
The Commission meeting was recessed to attend the employee Christmas luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

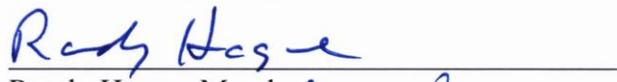
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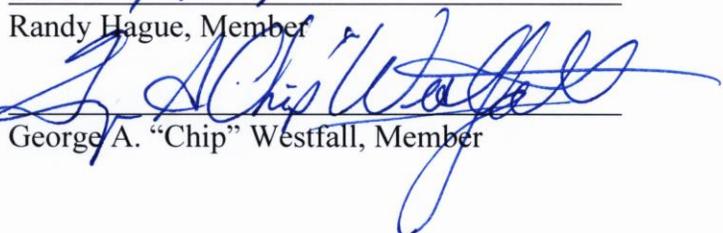


ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk


Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson


Randy Hague, Member


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member