

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 18, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 18, 2014 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Hague reported that all three commissioners attended the KAC regional meeting last Wednesday and participated in a discussion on the development of a 50 year water plan in the State of Kansas.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that an amendment has been introduced in the Legislature to allow persons less than 18 years of age to openly carry a weapon if they have written parental permission.
3. Commissioner Westfall, Anthony Swartzendruber, and the director of Hutchinson Community College will attend a meeting with the South Central Kansas Legislative Delegation on Wednesday, February 19 in Topeka.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

There were no additional calendar items introduced.

Minutes of the February 10, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners received a copy of the agenda for the joint City/County work session to be held at 5:30 p.m. today. Tanya Bronlewee will make a presentation about air quality and economic development will be discussed.
2. The Commissioners received a letter from the Kansas Children's Service League requesting county participation in a project to be held in April in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention month. The request is to select a child and parent from each county to go to Topeka on April 11, as a representative of their county, to have a picture taken with each child standing on the county they represent on the Visitor's Center floor map. Each child will receive a T-shirt and a box lunch will be provided for both the parent and the child. Tours of the capitol will also be available.
3. John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, and Courtney Becker will be meeting with representatives from each city in the County on Friday to discuss the ongoing project to replace the current radio system with 800 MHZ radios. Courtney and Don Gruver will meet with KDOT next week, and John, Anthony, Courtney, and Don will meet with representatives from Reno County next week to discuss the project.
4. Representatives from Tallgrass Pipeline will give an update on their pipeline project at the commission meeting on February 24.
5. John reported that he received a call from Sid Nattier stating that the ditch on the south side of 196 Highway has eroded and fiber optic lines that were buried there a

- year ago are now exposed. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, will check on the problem and report back to the Commission next week.
6. Kim Rowley, Director of Parks, will present a proposal next week to request bids for mowing services at all three county parks. She also reported that there may be an individual interested in renting the residence at West Park.
 7. John reported that the REAP organization is considering revising the current dues structure. One of the options is to combine the regular membership dues with the water dues. This would result in a reduction of dues for some entities and an increase of dues for other entities.
 8. Gina Bell, Director of Planning and Zoning, and John have been speaking to a representative from the Kansas Department of Revenue about the unpermitted horserace track located south of Halstead. The owner of the track and his attorney have requested permission to bring the issue before the Planning and Zoning Board in March. Security, food vending, parking, transportation, and sanitation for the track will be discussed at that time.
 9. Margaret Hermstein, Register of Deeds, notified John that Senate Bill 298, regarding the repeal of the Mortgage Registration Fee, is going before the Senate. John will update the Commissioners on what day and time that will occur.
 10. John and Anthony have met with Scott Eckert, Extension Office Agent, about transportation for the Extension Office. Scott will come before the Commission at a later time.
 11. Anthony reported that bonds for the Community Hangar at the Newton City/County Airport were sold on February 13. The interest rates came in favorably within the parameters set by the County Commission, City Commission, and the Public Building Commission. The interest rate for non-taxable AMT bonds in the amount of \$1,230,000 is 4.23%. The interest rate for taxable revenue bonds in the amount of \$148,000 is 3.04%. The PBC will meet again next Monday, February 24, and ratify the purchase and the closing will be held on March 6.
 12. Anthony reported that he has contacted vehicle dealerships in an attempt to find a good used vehicle to purchase for the Administration Office and the Appraiser's Office. So far, none of the vehicles located meet the mileage requirements.
 13. Kim Rowley reported that new kitchen cabinets and countertops have been installed in Volunteer Hall at East Park. The kitchen has also been repainted.
 14. Byron Warta reported that dirt work has begun for the construction of Hangar W at the Airport. With regard to water issues, he reported that the dredging project on the nuclear lake has been stalled because of lack of funds. Sedimentation has decreased the water capacity of the lake by 40%.
 15. Sheriff T. Walton reported that an ERT operation occurred on Monday resulting in the arrest of three individuals. He updated the Commission on the shower remodel at the Detention Center. It is hoped that the project will be completed by the end of the month.
 16. Joyce Truskett, County Clerk, reported that Bud Penner, Halstead Township Clerk, passed away, so the remaining board members will make a recommendation to the Commission for a replacement.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$133,430.76 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, presented results of a search for the purchase of a new truck tractor. A 2007 Freightliner truck has been located at Roberts Truck Center in Salina that has had an overhauled engine with 80,000 miles on the overhaul. The truck is priced at \$31,900 and they have agreed to extend the warranty another 100,000 miles. Following discussion of the options, Commissioner Westfall made a motion to purchase the truck from Roberts Truck Center for the outright price of \$31,900, with no trade, keeping the old truck for use at the Transfer Station only. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of five minutes to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 10:15 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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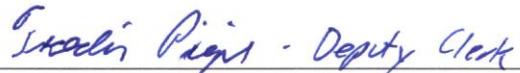


Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

