

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

**January 13, 2014**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 13, 2014 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

There were no items added to the agenda.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The Chamber breakfast, sponsored by Harvey County, will be Friday, January 17 at 7:00 a.m. at the Meridian Center. Commissioner Westfall will attend.

Minutes of the January 6, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hague made a motion to appoint Commissioner Krehbiel as Chairman of the Commission. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to appoint Commissioner Hague as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall, the Commissioners were appointed to the following boards:

Chairman Krehbiel	Local Emergency Planning Commission Board of Community Corrections Regional Youth Advisory Board Central Kansas Solid Waste Authority Little Arkansas River Water Board (WRAP) KLP Development Authority
Commissioner Westfall	Aviation Board REAP Board Public-Private Partnership Fairgrounds Site Development Committee Chamber Breakfast Representative
Commissioner Hague	REAP Board Alternate Public Building Commission Coordinated Transit Board Harvey County Council of Governments KLP Development Authority Alternate

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner pointed out the two FEMA disaster declaration maps provided by the Emergency Management department showing the counties in Kansas that are receiving mitigation for the snow and flooding events last year. Lon Buller, Emergency Management Director, reported that the thresholds will be changing this year and he suggested that when a disaster event occurs, all entities involved should apply even if the county does not meet its threshold, because it may help the state to meet its threshold, helping the other counties.
2. John presented copies of an article from the Kansas Government Journal by the League of Kansas Municipalities. The article shows the statistics and impact of demand transfer losses. These demand transfers are statutory payments from state tax revenues to cities & counties that the legislature has decided not to distribute the required amount or not distribute at all. The total impact of all demand transfer losses statewide since 1991 is \$1,886,922,544, causing all cities and counties in the state to cut services or shift the lost revenue burden to property taxes.
3. John presented a letter from Jessie Kaye, Prairie View, Inc. President and CEO, thanking the commission for their support in the Pine Street Renovation Project.
4. John stated that employees are reporting that some hospitals are asking for deductible payments or co-payments prior to elective procedures.
5. John presented copies of the final version of the department head review form that will be distributed this week.
6. John reported that AGCO has picked up the tractor that was provided to the Road & Bridge department to test. He will write a letter thanking them for the use of the tractor.
7. Rich Hanley, Department on Aging Director, presented a recommendation for Appointment to the Harvey County Council on Aging for Maxine Shirk to replace Dorothy Kennedy who resigned her position. Commissioner Hague motioned to waive the second reading and appoint Maxine Shirk to the Harvey County Council on Aging for the term of January 13, 2014 to June 30, 2014 and authorize the chair to sign, Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Kim Rowley, Director of Parks, presented a Memorandum of Understanding to create the Friends of Harvey County Parks Fund through the Central Kansas Community Foundation. Creating this fund will allow for grant proposals and tax free donations from the public to support special projects and improvements to Harvey County Parks. Commissioner Westfall motioned to authorize setting up the Friends of Harvey County Parks Fund and authorize John and Kim to sign, Commissioner Hague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Byron Warta reported that the airport has been operating 100 hours a week with 2 line persons. He also reported that additional hangar space is being requested.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$188,527.90 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$700.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented an invitation to bidders for 2 new 15' Elliptical Dump Bodies to replace the conventional bodies on two existing trucks. He stated that these dump bodies are designed to handle the rip rap rocks that are frequently being hauled without the damage to the bodies that is currently occurring. Commissioner Hague motioned to approve the invitation to bidders for the Elliptical Dump Body Bid, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Counselor Greg Nye and Jim Meier presented the Contract for Engineering Services with MKEC Engineering Consultants, Inc. for approval. This contract includes all of the revisions agreed upon by Counselor Nye and MKEC. Commissioner Hague motioned to approve the Contract for Engineering Services with MKEC Engineering Consultants, Inc. as presented and authorize the chair to sign, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Schmidt, Road & Bridge Supervisor, and Jim Meier updated the commission on the progress of the Tall Grass Pipeline. Kevin reported that he travelled the path of the pipeline and he is satisfied with the plan and the progress of the construction. Tall Grass Pipeline representatives will report to the commission on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Roy Patton, Solid Waste Director, reported that he has contacted KDHE about increasing the vertical height of the C & D landfill and they would be agreeable with proper engineering. He also updated the commission on the search for a replacement grinder. He has found 2 machines that are the same model as the grinder the county had been using until it broke down. One is in California, but the price is higher than the budget. The other is in British Columbia, Canada that is within budget, including transportation and includes a semi modified to support it. The commissioners suggested pursuing the Canada machine and directed Roy to get more information and possibly travel to view the machine if or when he is comfortable with it meeting his requirements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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ATTEST:

*Joyce Truskett*  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

*Ron Krehbiel*  
Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

*Randy Hague*  
Randy Hague, Member

*George A. "Chip" Westfall*  
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