

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

**January 21, 2014**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 21, 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 informed the commission that he read that A Box 4 U has changed their name to RedGuard. They are continuing to prepare the former Skyline building in Halstead to begin manufacturing their blast resistant buildings.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel stated that he had been contacted by a representative from Eagle Drainage District. They have a drainage plan and are ready to begin construction. They asked if the county would be able to assist with some culvert placement. Administrator, John Waltner, was directed to contact them.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall will attend a 911 board meeting on Thursday, January 23.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend a Harvey County Community Corrections Board meeting on Thursday, January 23.
3. Commissioner Westfall will participate in a REAP legislative committee conference call meeting on Friday, January 24 at 11:30 a.m.
4. The Harvey County Conservation District annual meeting will be held on Monday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Halstead High School. All three commissioners directed administration to RSVP on their behalf.
5. The KAC County Government Day is Wednesday, February 5 in Topeka. Activities begin at 2:30 p.m. with a legislative reception at 5:00 p.m.
6. The annual REAP regional legislative luncheon will be held at 12:00 p.m. on February 19.

Minutes of the January 13, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner reported that RSVP received a \$750 MLK Day mini-grant from the Kansas Volunteer Commission.
2. Becky Opland, County Treasurer, updated the commission on programs and activities in her office. She reported that the vehicle tag office is now charging a facility fee of \$2.50 per transaction. The KS Department of Revenue authorized counties to charge this fee beginning January 1, 2014. She reported that the new commercial vehicle registration system is working smoother now, but still take more time than regular vehicles. She reported that a number of counties, including Harvey, are experiencing a shortage of permanent trailer tags. She also stated that she received a memo that the state driver's license system is not applying the veteran status indicator on some licenses.

3. Kim Rowley, Director of Parks, updated the commission on the outcome of the Trappers Rendevous held by the Boy Scouts at West Park last weekend. She reported that they used the community building for registration and reception this year for the first time and it worked well for them. On-site visitors during the event all reported that there was a good turnout and it was a successful event.
4. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, reported that he and Health Department Director, Lynnette Redington, have attended several meetings focusing on the integration of the Health Department, Prairie View, and Health Ministries into one building on south Pine Street. Anthony has been involved in the meetings for finance and billing, personnel, risk management, and the tech committee for the phone system and networking.
5. John presented a recommendation to re-appoint Zachary Phillips to the Harvey County Parks Advisory Board. Commissioner Hague motioned to waive the second reading and appoint Zachary Phillips to the Harvey County Parks Advisory Board for the term of February 2014 to February 2017 and authorize the chair to sign, Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that they placed a traffic counter at the main entrance to West Park over the weekend to count the traffic at the Boy Scout event. The results of the count will be reported next week. He also reported that the railroad crossing upgrades at NE 48<sup>th</sup> & US 50 were installed last Friday.
7. Jim Meier presented a temporary construction easement agreement with Debra & Ronald Hagen for the Burmac Road bridge replacement project. Commissioner Westfall motioned to approve the temporary construction easement agreement and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. Anthony Swartzendruber stated that 360 Energy Engineers will meet with the commission next week to update them on the progress of the courthouse energy audit. They will begin drilling a test well on January 27<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that he will participate in a bond rating review conference call tomorrow with Standard & Poor's to establish the bond rating for the County & the City of Newton.
9. Anthony presented the tentative budget timeline. He suggested that the department budget presentations to the commission be conducted over a shorter time period than presented on the schedule and the commissioners agreed. He will present a revised timeline.
10. Byron Warta reported that the new sewer line is in at the airport. He also reported that the KS Water Authority meeting is next week.
11. Byron Warta presented the Harvey County EDC prospect report – Nov. 21, 2013 to Jan. 14, 2014. He pointed out some highlights in the report. He reported that Wilbur-Ellis announced in December their intention to purchase Accu-Rate Services in Sedgwick. The EDC worked closely with the parties involved to facilitate this agreement. Wilbur-Ellis is a leading international distributor of agricultural products, feed, chemicals and ingredients. He also reported that talks are very active for a warehouse/distribution facility and a rail project.

12. Sheriff T. Walton reported that his office is investigating reports of a person posing as a park ranger at the Boy Scout event at West Park telling scouts to surrender their pocket knives. He stated that the ERT was called out on Sunday to assist McPherson County with an individual with hostages in his home near McPherson. The stand-off lasted about seven hours and was resolved peacefully.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

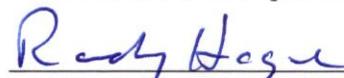
There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$89,009.10 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

  
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Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

