

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 31, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 31, 2014 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel 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. A retirement reception for Lanae Unruh, who is retiring from the Treasurer's Office will be held on April 24th in the Commission Room.

Minutes of the March 24, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner reported that he received a call from Doug King of Quality Recycling in North Carolina, and Doug is continuing to develop a waste-to-energy system using a rotating combustor. Kevin Laster of Alternative Energy Engineering Solutions is providing financing for the development of the system. Kevin will be here Thursday afternoon to talk with Administration and look at the Transfer Station Facility to see if this type of system would work here.
2. John reported that Ann Religa, 4-H Agent, has been able to locate a child, who will be accompanied by a parent, to represent Harvey County at the statehouse on April 11th in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month. There will be a picture taken with a representative child from each county standing on the Kansas map on the Statehouse floor.
3. Cliff Kirk, Chairman of the Planning Commission, has submitted a letter of resignation from the Commission. He has served with the Commission for many years, but is leaving to concentrate more fully on other responsibilities. Commissioner Krehbiel asked how the Commission is structured and if there were plans to reduce the number of members. John said there are by-laws that clearly state how the board is to be structured and there was opposition to reducing the number of members.
4. John reported that he sent a letter to Commission Chairmen from Chase, Lyon, and Marion Counties requesting a meeting with them during the Kansas County Commissioners Association Conference to be held May 6 – 8. The meeting will be held to discuss the Highway 50 Organization and their plan for improvements on Highway 50 from Emporia to Newton.
5. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve a proclamation celebrating 46 years of fair housing in Harvey County. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

6. A proclamation to declare April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and authorize the Chairman to sign was approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, requested that the Commission approve a Memorandum of Agreement for Mass Dispensing Site with Grace Community Church and the Health Department. Commissioner Westfall requested that the wording of the memorandum be changed to clearly state who is authorized to be at the site in the case of an emergency. Lynnette will revise the memorandum as requested.
8. Lynnette reported that the Health Department has submitted two grants this past week, a Healthy Communities Initiative grant in the amount of \$75,000 over three years to create a master bike plan for Newton and North Newton, and A Healthy Living Grant for \$58,000 over two years. This grant would provide for healthy concessions policy in two of our school districts.
9. Lynnette and Patrick Mwangi, Executive Assistant, presented the results of a search for a used vehicle for the Health Department. There are two available at Conklin Cars, a 2013 Ford Edge-SEL with 17,000 miles for \$25,000 and a 2013 Ford Edge-SE with 65 miles for \$24,983. There is one available at Midway Motors, a 2011 Chevy Equinox-LTZ with 29,000 miles for \$24,842. Discussion was held regarding the prices in comparison to the state bid price for a new vehicle, which was lower. Discussion was held on whether to send out a spec sheet and solicit bids for a new vehicle. Commissioner Hague made a motion to waive the purchasing policy and give the Health Department the authority to purchase the Ford Edge-SEL with 17,000 miles. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
10. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that he located a 2007 International 4300 dump truck for sale for \$25,000 which is the amount budgeted in the CIP for the purchase of one. This is to replace a 1990 dump truck. The Parks Department has expressed interest in the old dump truck. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the purchase of the used 2007 dump truck and waive the county's purchasing policy. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
11. Kim Rowley, Director of Parks, explained the new self-pay process for boating, camping, and horse trail permits.
12. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the Department received a \$3,000 grant from the National Rifle Association for the purchase of three defibrillators. He also reported that there have been several fires, one of which was an arson case in Burrton. There were two rollover accidents on I-135 and the Department also assisted North Newton on a rape case. The population in the Detention Center hit 119 last week. They are looking into the Health Ministries dental services for the Detention Center.
13. Counselor Greg Nye reported that Judge Klenda has ruled in favor of the County and has issued a summary judgment with regard to the foreclosure of the old Halstead Hospital building and apartments. The County can now move forward with the foreclosure process, with a possible auction held in mid May. Taxes owed on the property are approximately \$440,000.

14. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, informed the Commissioners that following a significant work comp rate hike in 2013, the County received an \$18,391 refund on premiums paid. The 2014 premiums are lower. Anthony also reported that he will be teaching a county budget class in Salina tomorrow.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items discussed during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$115,572.97 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:20 a.m. Chairman Krehbiel opened a public discussion about speed limit signage on SW and SE 48th Street. Residents present for the discussion were Donna Sheckler, John Lenke, Ted Jantz, Joel Busenitz, Gerald Busenitz, Jim Senn, Bill Black, Tom Cowan, John Allen, Barbara Callaway, Frank Callaway, Bruce Cowan, Leo Stahly, Michelle Ruebke, Roger Morrison, and Mae Gatz. Gerald Busenitz presented the Commissioners with a petition protesting the speed limit signage on 48th Street. Ted Jantz, Frank Callaway, Michelle Ruebke, Jim Senn, and others expressed concern that SW 48th is not maintained by the Township and is too rough to drive much faster than 35 mph. Mrs. Ruebke asked what recourse residents have when the township does not respond to them about maintenance issues. Gerald Busenitz requested that the 35 mph speed limit signs be limited to a short distance near a concentrated housing area that is zoned residential. Jim Meier introduced John Fulkerson of Lochner Engineering, who did a traffic study on the area at the request of the Road and Bridge Department after a petition to lower the speed limit there was received. Mr. Fulkerson said zoning has no bearing on speed limits. The engineering study indicated that most drivers along the road were driving 35 mph. KDOT requested that the study be expanded east and west along the road and then the outcome of the study stated where the speed limit signage and warning signs should be placed. Mr. Fulkerson explained why the signs were placed in the locations they were placed. Commissioner Hague requested that the engineering study be revisited and Mr. Fulkerson talk to KDOT to see if some type of compromise could be reached. Chairman Krehbiel and Commissioner Westfall expressed concern about not following the recommendations of an engineering study.

Anthony reported that Patrick called regarding the purchase of the vehicle from Conklin Cars. Conklin charges an additional administrative fee of \$199 in addition to the price quoted to the Commissioners. The Commissioners agreed that the dealership needs to either sell the vehicle for the price quoted or the Commission will authorize the Health Department to request bids for the purchase of a new vehicle using the specifications from the State of Kansas negotiated price list.

Joe Hurla and Aaron Etkorn, representatives from 360 Energy Engineers, presented a preview of the scope of the project to update the energy efficiency of the Courthouse, Detention Center, and Law Enforcement Center. The project includes the replacement of a hybrid ground-source heat-pump system in the Courthouse, the installation of new double-paned windows, a boiler system upgrade at the Law Enforcement Center, the addition of economizer capability at the Detention Center, and plumbing fixture retrofits in all three buildings. The specifics of each improvement were discussed and explained. They also presented an anticipated schedule of the project. The

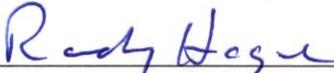
construction phase of the project should take nine to twelve months. The approval of the final project scope and price will be presented on April 21 and should be complete in approximately one year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson



Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

