

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 24, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 24, 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 distributed copies of an Associated Press article about data from The American Wind Energy Association that showed a savings of \$1.2 billion dollars for electricity customers in the Southwest Power Pool which includes Harvey County.
2. John Waltner, Administrator asked that an executive session be added to the agenda prior to the work session to discuss economic development, personnel and attorney client privilege.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The annual Harvey County Extension Council meeting and dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Heights Methodist Church.
2. The Local Emergency Planning Commission will meet in the Law Enforcement Center Training Room on Wednesday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m.
3. Farm Bureau will sponsor a legislative forum at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 11 at the Water's Edge Restaurant in Hesston.
4. The retirement party for Noxious Weed Director Bob Cheney will be on Dec. 19.

Minutes of the November 17, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, responded to a previous question from the commission regarding the City of McPherson buying water rights in Harvey County. He stated that the City of McPherson did buy land in Harvey County in section 32-22-3W, but they did not purchase the water rights. He stated that they are trying to obtain the Junior water rights on the property. Byron Warta stated that they are proposing a plan to the Kansas water board to extract water from that site and process it in McPherson.
2. John presented 2015 holiday schedules from other agencies as a guide for the Harvey County 2015 Holiday Schedule. The consensus was to match the 11 ½ days from 2014, including the Thursday & Friday of Christmas. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting.
3. A Recommendation for Appointment to the Harvey County Advisory Committee to Prairie View. The recommendation is to appoint Brenda Sooter to replace Jim Gundy. Commissioner Hague motioned to waive the second reading and appoint Brenda Sooter to the Harvey County Advisory Committee to Prairie View for the term December 2014 to December 2017 and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

4. A resolution requesting a waiver from GAAP reporting in the preparation of the Harvey County comprehensive financial statements and reports in accordance with KSA 75-1120a(c)(1) was presented for approval. This waiver needs to be revisited each calendar year. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve **Resolution 2014-26**, to waive the GAAP requirements. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. A resolution to transfer funds from the Road & Bridge Fund to the Special Highway Improvement Fund was presented for approval. This allows unused funds not to exceed 25% of the Road & Bridge Fund budget to be transferred for later use. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution 2014-27**, authorizing the transfer of the funds. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. Lisa Bartel, Health and Wellness Coordinator presented a proposed Healthy Food Policy for Harvey County sponsored events. The Commissioners discussed the proposed policy and concluded that they were in favor of educating, but not mandating healthy eating. The policy was rejected.
7. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, introduced the new full time maintenance person, Jerry Howell.
8. Sheriff T. Walton reported that his office has been busy working cases.
9. Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, thanked everyone for attending and supporting the open house for the Pine Street facility last week.
10. Rick Piepho, Deputy County Clerk reported that he attended the meeting of the 2014 Special Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government in Topeka last Friday. This special committee of Kansas Legislators is hearing testimony pertaining to combining elections in either the fall of even-numbered years or moving the spring of odd-numbered year elections to the fall of odd-numbered years. They heard testimony from different sources including other states that currently have combined elections.
11. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that he received a quote to upgrade/replace the phone cabling in the courthouse. The current phone system contractor, Inside Connection Communications, Inc., quoted \$16,299.17 to upgrade/replace all of the phone cabling in the courthouse while the ceilings are removed. Commissioner Westfall motioned to accept the quote and authorize the work to proceed. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
12. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that work continues in the basement of the courthouse, the basement should be running on the new system by Christmas. The replacement of the windows is behind schedule due to a manufacturing delay. He reported that the piping outside is done and they drilled holes and are bringing the pipes into the building.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$150,117.17 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$18,322.77 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Gina Bell, Director of Planning and Zoning, updated the Commission on the horse racing track south of Halstead. The owners of the track had been given a list of safety and sanitary conditions that required correction. She reported that all of the upgrades have been made with the exception of wastewater disposal for the hand washing stations. She presented a list of permit conditions added by the Harvey County Planning Commission. Commissioner Hague was concerned that the work was done without permits. The commissioners agreed that permits for the work done must be obtained and paid and that requirements for future permitting should be added to the contract. Commissioner Hague made a motion to extend the conditional use permit for the facility until January 5, 2015. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss attorney client privilege, personnel issues and economic development. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 11:10 a.m. with no action being taken.

The Commissioners began a work session to discuss the 800 MHz radio project and how to fund it.

At 11:45 the commissioner left to visit a construction site near Valley Center that is using a concrete injection process.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

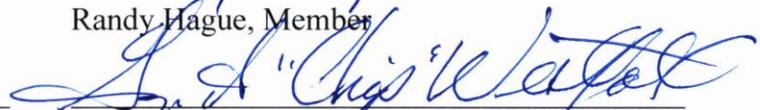


Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

