

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 20, 2014

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 20, 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 received a complaint about the bridge on West Street south of Old 81 Highway. The bridge carries significant farm equipment traffic and he requested that the Road and Bridge Department take a look at it.
2. Commissioner Westfall has had several complaints from employees about the new point system for the Employee Wellness Program. There are questions about the qualification system with regard to what qualifies and what doesn't. Anthony Swartzendruber stated that employees should contact Lisa Bartel, Coordinator for the Wellness Program, John Waltner, or himself to discuss the issues.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he and John attended an EDC meeting last Wednesday. Byron Warta will give a report on that meeting later this morning. He also participated in a phone meeting of the Central Kansas Regional Solid Waste Authority. The McPherson Landfill has obtained all permits and is up and running well.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. A Farm Bureau dinner meeting will be held October 21 at the Arboretum at Hesston. The doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.
2. The Foreign Animal Disease training exercise will be held Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Emergency Operations Center Training Room.
3. The Election canvass will be held on November 10 at 9:00 a.m.
4. Commissioner Westfall will attend a REAP Legislative Committee meeting on Thursday, October 23, at 12:00 p.m. in Wichita.
5. There will be a Harvey County 911 Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 23.
6. There will be a Candidates Forum held by the Newton Business and Professional Women on October 23 at 7:00 p.m. at McKinley School.

Minutes of the October 13, 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 a fatality accident occurred this morning just north of 12th Street on Meridian. Sheriff T. Walton and Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, are at the accident scene.
2. The employee picnic was held yesterday afternoon at East Park. The Parks Department did a very nice job hosting the picnic.
3. The date of the ribbon-cutting for the newly remodeled building that will house the Health Department, Health Ministries, and Prairie View will be November 20. The

- entities will not be fully located there at that time, but the building will be officially open. The Commissioners will tour the facility on November 3.
4. The annual Employee Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 8 in the Community Room.
 5. Harvey County will host the Quad County meeting on December 15 at the Newton City/County Airport.
 6. David Adkins will be the featured speaker at the REAP Prosperity Plan presentation that will be held on October 28 at Exploration Place in Wichita.
 7. The Commissioners received information on the guidelines of the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program. Harvey County has been awarded some funds from this program for a bridge in the northern part of the county that is “fracture critical.”
 8. The Commissioners received a letter of recommendation from Janet Cagle, Director of the Harvey/McPherson County Communities Corrections, to re-appoint Jennifer Foster, 9th District Court Administrator, to the HMCCC Advisory Board for the period of November 2014 through November 2017. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the re-appointment, waive the second reading, and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 9. Lynnette Redington, Director of the Harvey County Health Department, addressed the Commissioners as the County Board of Health. She reported that they are participating in the Newton Medical Center’s Task Force on Ebola. They are having weekly meetings to make sure that this area is prepared to handle any cases that might arise. They also participated in a Public Health City Readiness meeting last Friday. They evaluated the supplies currently on hand and what would be needed if an Ebola case were to occur. The protective suits were discussed in specific. The suits will not be available until they are needed and requested. NMC has 6 isolation rooms that have reverse air flow. Lynnette said that Enterovirus 68 and the flu will be more likely to affect the communities in our area. She also reported that because of the computer issues being experienced within the county computer system, they are not able to do any billing, but they continue to give flu shots and are able to continue the WIC Program.
 10. Dawn Warrington updated the Commissioners on the Harvey County Clean Project. All goals of the project were met. Although the goal was to collect 2 tons of recycling materials, 6 tons were collected and three acres were cleaned. There were 28 volunteers who helped with the project.
 11. Byron Warta reported that Boy Scouts were at the airport last weekend. The entire area in front of the terminal was taken up with tents, wagons, and vehicles. They were there from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Several airplanes came from K-State Salina to give the scouts plane rides. The Civil Air Patrol was also there. The event was very well attended.
 12. There will be a meeting of city and county EDC members on November 10 to discuss the need to hire some extra help to assist with some additional projects at the EDC. Byron reviewed the EDC Prospect Report for September 18, 2014 through October 14, 2014.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Terry Jacobs attended on behalf of Lake Township to inquire as to the status of the culvert issue on Prairie Lake Road that was brought before the Board in an earlier meeting. John reported that MKEC has looked at the problem with regard to the drainage there. It is still unclear what the recommendation from MKEC is. The property owner is being very cooperative and is willing to remove trees on the property if necessary. John will research the issue and report back to Mr. Jacobs before the next township meeting.

He expressed frustration with Sedgwick County because there is not a designated detour while a bridge just south of the Harvey County line is being replaced. Commissioner Westfall stated that if a county designates a detour, they have to take over all maintenance and liability. Terry said that drivers will end up on roads that have unmarked intersections and it will be very dangerous. Jim Meier is planning to put up a "bridge out" sign on the Harvey County side of the road.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$221,839.71 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:20 a.m. Jim Meier opened bids for the purchase of a 2014 11' reversible snow plow and flat plate truck mount. One bid from Midwest Truck was received. The bid was for a Hinke, model number 48R11IS in the amount of \$13,308, with an additional amount of \$2,840 for installation. The bid met all specifications. Jim contacted the mechanic who suggested that it would be better to have it mounted rather than mount it in the shop. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$13,308 and the installation in the amount of \$2,840. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

David Luke, KCAMP Administrator explained the KCAMP Rate Stabilization Program. Because of Harvey County's excellent claims experience and long-term involvement in the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool, the county will receive a contribution credit of \$13,361 and a maximum annual rate cap of 2% for the 2015 through 2017 coverage periods. Mr. Luke reviewed the county loss ratios for 2010 to 2014. The goal is to keep the loss ratio at 60% or below. He also reviewed the county's loss history by event type and by claim type.

At 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss pending litigation and 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. Joyce Truskett left the session at 11:05 a.m. Executive session ended at 11:15 a.m. with no action being taken.

Discussion was held regarding the replacement of the county representative to the EDC Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ron Krehbiel
Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

Randy Hague
Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

Joyce Truskett
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

