

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

**September 8, 2014**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 8, 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. Commissioner Hague will attend the Council of Governments meeting on Wednesday, September 10.
2. The Public Private Partnership meeting will be held at 7:00 a.m. on September 12 at Charlie's Restaurant.

Minutes of the September 2, 2014 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner reminded the Commissioners that reservations have been made for them and their spouses to attend the annual Newton Area Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held on September 25.
2. The Safe House will be sponsoring the Newton Chamber Breakfast on Friday, September 19. Jan Jones, Executive Director of the Safe House, has requested that the Commissioners attend the breakfast as they will be introducing all CCR Partners. The Safe House will present a program about domestic violence response in Harvey County.
3. The Prosperity Plan sponsored by the REAP Organization will be reviewed and discussed at a meeting to be held on October 28 at Exploration Place in Wichita. Paula Downs will be presenting the plan, explaining what is in it and how it can be utilized.
4. Byron Warta informed the Commission that Tracy Streeter, representative of the Kansas Water Authority, will be available to speak in Harvey County at the Meridian Center on October 2, to review the proposed 50-year water plan.
5. The Commissioners will travel to view the construction of the Burmac Bridge in addition to the patching on Halstead Road following the close of the Commission meeting.
6. Following a meeting in June with Commissioners from the counties of Chase, Marion, and Lyon, letters of support to improve Highway 50 to a four-lane from Emporia to Newton were received from Marion and Chase Counties. It is anticipated that support will also come from Lyon County.
7. John gave the Commissioners a report from Suzanne Loomis, Newton City Engineer, regarding the structural assessment performed on the Law Enforcement Center. The building could support a second level; however, there are some modifications that will need to be made to meet the seismic standards of today. The report will be presented at

- the City Commission meeting tomorrow. There is another joint City/County meeting planned for September 23 at 5:00 p.m. Preliminary cost estimates will be presented at that time.
8. Elizabeth Schmidt, Director of the Harvey County CDDO, Presented **Resolution No. 2014-22**, designating the week beginning September 7, 2014 as “Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week.” Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
  9. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that they sold a used mower on Purple wave for \$2,500. He also reported that they are already having trouble getting salt from Hutchinson. The salt plant was shut down the entire month of August. Salt was also in short supply during the last winter season. When salt did become available, KDOT received most of it.
  10. Byron Warta reported that much of the interior of the ABI building is completed at the Airport. Work is progressing ahead of schedule. Hangar W is still in a state of flux, waiting for the floor to cure properly.
  11. Sheriff T. Walton reported that there were four suicide attempts in the County in the first five days of September. They were able to recover a stolen vehicle in Junction City last weekend and there were also two vehicles stopped along the Interstate that contained amphetamines and firearms.
  12. Kass Miller, Parks Supervisor, reported that there are some areas that the contracted mowers have neglected to mow and need to be attended to. He has attempted to contact the mowers last week, but as yet, has received no response. The mowers have done a good job up to this time.
  13. Anthony reported that the bond closing for Courthouse improvements will be Wednesday morning, September 10. He also reported on the progress of the Construction project in the Courthouse. Crews are working on lighting retrofits and replacing the boiler in the Law Enforcement Center. The existing boiler contains some asbestos which will have to be removed. Asbestos abatement occurred last weekend in the Planning and Zoning office, Department on Aging, and Driver’s License Office. The Treasurer’s Office vault and front and Clerk’s front office will be abated this coming weekend. The Treasurer’s Office will close at 12:00 p.m. on Friday and will not reopen until Monday at 1:00 p.m. to allow staff to disconnect and then re-connect computers and equipment. Demolition on the hard ceiling will begin in the basement tonight. Ceiling lighting will be removed at that time and temporary lighting will be put in place. The projected completion date of the entire construction project will likely be July of 2015.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizens Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$250,026.87 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 25 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 10:15 a.m. with no action being taken.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to appoint Kass Miller to be the Harvey County Director of Parks, effective September 8, 2014. The position will follow Step 22, Range 1, on the employee pay scale. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:15 a.m. Jim Meier and Alan Libel opened bids for the purchase of a motor grader. Bids received are as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Trade-In</u>	<u>Net Bid</u>
Foley Equipment	Caterpillar	12M	\$164,600	Included	\$164,600
Murphy Tractor	John Deere	670	357,987	30,000	169,154
	John Deere	770	385,657	30,000	180,575
Van Keppel	Volvo	930	204,521	34,500	139,343
	Volvo	940	217,507	34,500	150,381

Bids included applicable discounts and rebates. Jeff Berger, representative with Van Keppel; Shawn Smith, representative with Foley; and Randy Case, representative with Murphy Tractor attended the meeting for the bid opening. Jim and Alan left the meeting to examine the bids to make sure all specifications were met.

Kim Manring presented a proclamation to designate September 8 through 14, 2014 as National Suicide Prevention Week. She gave the Commissioners a rundown of the events scheduled in commemoration with the week including a balloon launch and a softball tournament. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the proclamation and Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Meier and Alan Libel returned to the meeting following the examination of the bids for the motor grader. They reported that they had reviewed the bids and recommended that the 940 Volvo be approved for purchase from the Van Keppel Company for the amount of \$150,381. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the low bid from Van Keppel in the amount of \$150,381. The unit meets all specifications as the diverter valve listed on the Van Keppel bid is another name for the circle drive slip clutch listed in the specifications. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The commissioners left to view the Burmac Bridge and Halstead Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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*Ron Krehbiel*

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

*Randy Hague*

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Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

*Joyce Truskett*

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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

*George A. "Chip" Westfall*

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

