

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

**December 14, 2015**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on December 14, 2015 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Hague called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that there is water over a number of roads in western Harvey County after more than 3.5 inches of rain fell in the area over the weekend.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that a resident near the new bridge structure on N. Anderson Rd. sent an email expressing her appreciation for the new bridge. She stated that she thought it handled the recent rain well but thought that guardrails should be added.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel is scheduled to attend a meeting of the Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections Board on December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Minutes of the December 7 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, presented a proposed Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for the flood conditions in the County after the rainfall over the weekend. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to Proclaim that a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Chairman Hague signed the document.
2. John Waltner, Administrator, reported that the beams have been cast by Prestressed Concrete for the new West Park restroom structure. Parks employees are preparing the site.
3. John reported that IT Director, LeeAnn Heim is back at work today after being absent since a fire destroyed her home on November 30.
4. John presented a letter from KAC that was included with the annual dues invoice. The letter details the purpose, mission and advantages of KAC membership. The letter also explains how the dues for each member county are calculated; the dues for Harvey County membership in KAC for 2016 are \$7,181.00.
5. John presented an invitation to join the Prairie View Board of Directors at a Legislative Forum on Friday, December 18 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Hague is planning to attend.
6. John presented the proposed 2016 Legislative and Policy Priorities for REAP.
7. John presented a schedule of events for the KAC Local Government Day on Jan. 27.
8. Derrick Richling, Parks Operations Supervisor, reported that West Park is not flooded yet, but it still might due to the heavy rainfall amounts upstream. He reported that there are currently no concerns regarding flooding at East Park.

9. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, presented copies of an email communication with Terry Jacob who had questions regarding joint ownership of some equipment by townships. In his reply, Rick suggested the townships create an interlocal agreement to share or jointly own the equipment. He also provided information from statutes regarding the process to merge townships.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

Larry Goering, Highland Township Trustee, passed around photos taken yesterday of the new bridge structure on N Anderson Rd. near NE 96<sup>th</sup> St. The photos showed water going over the road and the new structure. He stated that the new structure is great but believes it was set too low in the stream bed to adequately handle the amount of water. He said that the new structure and road are lower than the old one. He asked for information on who designed or specified the design of the placement of the structure so that he could contact them directly. The commissioners agreed to get the information and have it forwarded it to him.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$149,487.62 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

A resolution Cancelling Certain County Warrants in accordance with KSA 10-815 was presented for consideration with the list of the thirteen outstanding warrants to be cancelled that were issued prior to December 14, 2013. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, stated that this waiver needs to be revisited each calendar year. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution 2015-24** as presented. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony opened the Request for Proposal (RFP) submissions for the publication of legal notices. Anthony reminded the commission that the RFP process is not based on price alone and the submissions would be reviewed by staff during the coming week and a recommendation will be presented to the commission at the commission meeting next week on Monday, December 21. Two vendors submitted responses. The Harvey County Independent submitted a proposal with a price per column inch of \$11.00 with a column width of 1.778 inches which included publication in the Hesston Record and Newton Now; The Newton Kansan submitted a proposal with a price per column inch of \$6.00 with a column width of 1.5 inches. The awarded contractor will be designated as the "Official County Newspaper" for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the RFP responses and authorize staff to review the responses and present a recommendation. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 10:30 a.m. to travel to and attend the Quad County meeting being held at Excel Industries in Hesston.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:

*Rick Piepho*  
Rick Piepho, County Clerk

*Randy Hague*  
Randy Hague, Chairperson

*Ron Krehbiel*  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

*George A. "Chip" Westfall*  
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