

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 2, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 2, 2015 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Hague called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall attended a REAP meeting last week in which Hoyt Hillman reported that work to reduce agricultural runoff into the Little Arkansas River will extend into Harvey County.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel has a Little Arkansas Watershed meeting on Thursday, Feb. 5.
2. Commissioner Westfall is scheduled to attend a special Aviation Commission meeting on Feb. 12 at Newton Fire Station #3.
3. The KAC County Government Day & legislative reception will be held February 4 in Topeka beginning at 4 p.m.
4. Commissioner Westfall reported that a REAP reception will be held on Feb. 4 in Topeka after the KAC reception.
5. The Council of Governments meeting is scheduled for Feb. 18 at 7 a.m. at the Breadbasket. School Administrators from the Harvey County school districts are scheduled to speak.

Minutes of the January 26, 2015 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, presented a letter from KCAMP stating that Harvey County met the requirements of the Silver level of their Risk Management Premium Credit Program. A premium reimbursement check for \$3,067.82 accompanied the letter. Heidi Huber, Risk Management Coordinator, explained that employees have been participating in monthly online training from KCAMP & KWORCC. She has also coordinated risk management training sessions for department heads along with defensive driving and CPR courses for all employees. She stated that the monthly online training and other risk management training will continue in 2015 along with some new presentations or programs.
2. John presented a report from the Bernie Koch, the lobbyist for the Harvey County Council of Governments. The report contained a summary of legislative activity and a list of bills that are being tracked. The commissioners discussed some of the activity and their concerns on the effects on local government.
3. John distributed a report of economic development and IRB tax exemptions summarized by city. The report showed the total appraised value of tax exempt properties is \$15,655,100.
4. John distributed a report from the City of Newton regarding the City/County Airport

- lease with Avcon Industries. Avcon wants to exercise article 8 of their lease which allows them to begin self fueling operations. The report shows the financial impact to the Airport would be an approximate loss of \$15,400 in fuel profits per year.
5. John gave an overview of the BREG (Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth) report. The study focused on 10 counties in the region and identified 7 key industry clusters that drive the economy in the region.
 6. Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, reported that the Health Department move to the Pine Street location is completed and it went smoothly.
 7. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he attended the Sheriff's Association meetings in Topeka last week. He was informed that the KHP is down 120 positions and that KLETC has a 3.9 million dollar budget shortfall. KLETC has discussed having cities and counties pay about \$14,000 more per officer for training. A presenter stated the interesting fact that about 200 people were killed by officers last year while about 250,000 were killed by doctors.
 8. Gina Bell, Planning & Zoning Director, reported that she will be attending a Kansas Small Flows conference later this week.
 9. Dawn Warrington, RSVP, reported that the Drive from the Heart campaign ended last Saturday and it was very successful. About 7 pickup loads including 50 blankets, 35 coats and lots of toys and other items were received. She stated that the RSVP annual banquet will be held on April 6 at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.
 10. Byron Warta reported he attended the Kansas Water Office Authority meeting last week. He reported that a meeting regarding the Governor's 50 year water vision plan will be held in Newton on Feb. 13th at the Pine St. health building.
 11. Byron distributed a Harvey County EDC prospect report. He stated that there are 15 new prospects on the list with 9 site visits and two organizations are returning for a 2nd visit.
 12. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, reported that he attended the KS County Clerk's and Election Officials Association legislative day and reception last week.
 13. Anthony Swartzendruber presented a memorandum from KCAMP announcing two coverage enhancements without additional cost.
 14. Anthony also presented the January sales tax collections, which are above last year's.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$84,668.21 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Sharon Entz, as recommended by the remaining township officers, to fulfill the unexpired term of Treasurer of Richland Township. Dan Hamilton had vacated the position when he moved out of the township. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony gave a presentation of the 2014 Year-End Financial report. He stated that Harvey County is in a good financial position with all fund balances over the required amounts. Assessed values are up, but revenues are down slightly from 2013. The 2016 budget timeline begins Feb. 4.

At 10:58 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 17 minutes to discuss attorney client privilege and non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Rick Piepho. At 11:12 Anthony, Rick & Greg left the session. At 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session was John Waltner. Executive session ended at 10:20 a.m. with no action being taken.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the Salary Adjustment Agreement with John Walner, County Administrator. The agreement adjusted the salary to \$94,355.00 per year. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.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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