

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 26, 2015

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 26, 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 stated that numerous people have asked if NE 60th is planned to be ground up and turned to rock. He has been putting the rumor to rest, stating that it is scheduled to be overlaid. Jim Meier confirmed that the Novachip process will be used.
2. Commissioner Westfall stated the REAP legislative committee conference call last week did not report any new activity. It was reported that the budget submitted by the Governor contained mathematical errors and that there is a growing rift between some House Republicans and the Governor.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall stated that the aviation commission meeting today will be at the airport.
2. The KAC County Government Day & legislative reception will be held February 4 in Topeka. The reception will be from 4 to 6 p.m., with presentations beginning at 2:30 p.m. Commissioners Hague and Westfall are planning to attend.

Minutes of the January 20, 2015 Commission regular meeting were approved with corrections upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, distributed brochures left by the representative from Garver, an airport engineering company.
2. John reported that the prosperity plan will be presented at the REAP meeting on January 29. He presented a copy of the summary report that will be distributed. The meeting will be followed by a tour of the new terminal at Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport.
3. John also reported that preliminary budget schedules will be distributed and discussed at the department head meeting next week.
4. Byron Warta reported that there was a lot of activity at the airport this morning. He also reported that the latest state drought map has 10 new counties in SW Kansas added for a total of 23 or 24 counties in extreme drought. He will be attending the Kansas Water Office Authority meeting next week.
5. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that his department is now down 2 people due to the resignation of an employee that is accepting a position with the City of Kechi for more pay. He stated that he has received applications for the position left vacant due to the Gary LaGree retirement, but he is having trouble contacting the viable applicants.

6. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that his department is getting a lot of outside work done during this mild weather. He also reported that he will be meeting with Mennonite Press, Inc. to discuss promotional materials for upcoming park activities.
7. Kass and John stated that conversations with Rod Nicholson, President of Prestressed Concrete, Inc., regarding the proposed new bathroom facility at West Park revealed that the estimated costs for the structure would be \$53,000 compared to the cost in 1978 for the facilities at East Park of \$11,000.
8. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, reported that he will attend the KS County Clerk's and Election Officials Association legislative day and reception on Wednesday January 28. The legislative reception will coincide with the Sheriff and Appraiser association's events at the Ramada in downtown Topeka.
9. Anthony reported that the window removal on the second floor is done and the temporary wall is built and that the first floor HVAC should be operational after pressure testing is concluded this week.
10. Anthony reported news from KAC that a bill (HB 2001) is being introduced to prohibit distributions on Payment Under Protest properties until after the appeal is final.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$86,681.97 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

John presented copies of the proposed new county logo, the options were discussed and a few revisions were suggested. The final version with reproduction guidelines will be presented at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 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
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member