

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

**July 6, 2015**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 6, 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 warned residents to be careful at intersections on county and township roads due to the height of the corn in the fields obstructing the visibility of cross traffic. He asked what the rules are for the setback of crops from intersections. Counselor Nye will research the issue and report back to the commission.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that Harvey County Fair is scheduled for July 31 through August 4 with the parade to be held on August 1.

Minutes of the June 29 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner introduced Mary Adams who has been hired as the new RSVP Director.
2. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented the 2015 KDOT Federal Fund Exchange Program agreement. The program allows the county to exchange their Federal Funds allotment of \$234,006.40 for State Funds. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve 2015 KDOT Federal Fund Exchange Program agreement. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. John reminded the commissioners of the BREG meeting on July 10 in Derby.
4. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported to the commission in their capacity as the Harvey County Board of Health that two cases of pertussis (whooping cough) were diagnosed last week. She also presented a report of the Blue Zones Project which is a new community health initiative. She reported that the Healthy Harvey program already promotes many of the same goals, but they will use this program as a model and possibly obtain certification as a Blue Zone Community.
5. Lynnette presented the WIC allocation grant from the USDA and KDHE. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize Lynnette to sign the WIC allocation grant. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. John presented a recommendation for appointment to the Harvey County Parks Advisory Board for Brandon Will. He reported that Brandon volunteered for this new appointment for the term July 2015 to July 2018. The commissioners agreed to wait for the second reading next week.
7. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that the parks were busy over the holiday weekend. Commissioner Krehbiel asked about the condition of the roads in the parks and reported that there are a number of deep potholes at West Park. Kass replied that the tractor that is used to haul fill material is no longer functional. Jim Meier stated that

- his department will haul material this week to fill the potholes. Commissioner Krehbiel also reported that neither of the docks at West Park is functional. Kass replied that they are planning to move one of the docks from Camp Hawk to West Park to replace the one with the broken decking, but he will have to check on why the other dock has sunk.
8. Jim Meier reported that the striping contractor will begin work this week and that the HIP contractor will begin work next month. He also reported that road patching began this morning on E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. at the Butler County line and they will work eastward to Rock Rd. He stated that later today the commission is scheduled to view a culvert on S. Ridge Rd. that is in need of replacement due to storm damage.
  9. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that there were very few fireworks incidents reported in the county with only 42 complaints reported by 911. He reported that there was an accident on K-196 over the weekend that resulted in one fatality and two persons with serious injuries.
  10. Brian Palmer, Newton City/County Airport Manager reported that fuel sales are up at the airport. He reported that there was an emergency landing on Saturday; no one was injured when a Piper Cherokee was unable to extend its landing gear and had to land on its belly. The runway was closed for a few hours while it was inspected for damage. He also reported that an aerobatic team event with performances is scheduled for this coming weekend.
  11. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that sales tax collections are up over 2% for the month and more than 7% year-to-date.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$138,347.13 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony presented three proposed policy manual changes; 1) verbiage in section 4.4(B) regarding following the Compensation and Classification policy, 2) verbiage in section 6.16 regarding changes to the weapons policy to comply with changes in Kansas law allowing conceal carry without a license, 3) adding section 8.1(D) stating that employees must work on their last day of employment.

Anthony distributed copies of the FY 2016 Preliminary Budget. He stated that the budget process began in February and all departments have made their budget presentations to the commission. This proposed budget is based on all of the input from the commission, administration and departments. He reported that 80% of the proposed 2.521 mill increase is for the installation and upgrading to the new 800 MHz communication system. He also stated that 2.036 mills of the increase are directly related to public safety.

The meeting recessed at 11:15 p.m. to inspect erosion damage at a culvert on S. Ridge Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 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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