

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

**October 5, 2015**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 5, 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 he was contacted by representatives from Eagle Drainage District about having the Harvey County Road & Bridge Department help with some more work in their district. Commissioner Krehbiel contacted the Road & Bridge department.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he was contacted by some residents with concerns about the new bridge on Anderson Rd. being too low. Commissioner Krehbiel forwarded the information to the Road & Bridge department.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that he attended events over the weekend for the Walton Rural Life Days and the Fly-in & Aerobatic competition at the Newton City/County Airport. He reported that there was a very good turnout for the Fly-in and that the food and the speaker at banquet were great.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The Council of Governments meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14.
2. The Taste of Newton event will be held this Thursday evening, October 8.

Minutes of the September 28 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes of the October 1 special meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, presented copies of the itinerary for the City-to-City Leadership Visit that John Waltner, Administrator, will be attending later this week in Greenville, SC.
2. Anthony presented information about the upcoming REAP Regional Policy Summit on Thursday, November 12 at WSU and a request for sponsorship. Harvey County has been a \$500 sponsor for this event in the past. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to sponsor the 2015 Regional Policy Summit for \$500. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Anthony presented an invitation to the commissioners to attend the Newton/North Newton Area Planning Commission meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Newton City Hall. The draft of the Airport Zoning Classification will be discussed.
4. Anthony reminded the commission that next Monday, October 12 will be the employee in-service day and that the commission meeting is scheduled for 7:45 a.m. The courthouse will be closed to the public shortly after the commission meeting is adjourned.

5. Anthony reported that sales tax revenues are up for the month and for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and are up more than 5.5% year-to-date.
6. Kass Miller, Parks Director, reported that a disc golf tournament held last Saturday at Camp Hawk was successful. He also reported that there were a lot a Boy Scouts camping at West Park over the weekend. He reported that his staff is busy trimming trees at West Park and are in the process of tearing down the old restroom facility in preparation for the new structure.
7. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, reported that he attended the Midwest Election Officials Conference in Kansas City, MO last week and that he received a lot of useful information about election technology and the future of elections.

**CITIZENS FORUM:**

Newton resident Wayne Valentine reiterated the comments from Commissioner Westfall regarding the airshow and Fly-in held over the weekend. He stated that it was a great event and that his grandson enjoyed the youth programs and other activities.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$1,257,588.43 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

John reported that the Farm Bureau dinner is scheduled for October 20 at 6:15 p.m. in Elbing.

John stated that he and Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, will attend a Solid Waste conference on October 20 & 21.

John reported that the protest period for the sale of the Oak St. building has expired and no protest petition has been filed. He stated that the commissioners can proceed with the process of selling the building when they are ready.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss confidential information concerning potential litigation. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, Tom Cowan, Bill Hamm and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 10:20 a.m. with no action being taken.

At 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss confidential information concerning non-elected personnel. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 10:45 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 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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