

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

**Special Budget Work Session**

**July 14, 2016**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in special session on July 14, 2016 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

John Waltner, Administrator, presented results of the bid opening held by the City of Newton for the Airport drainage reinforced concrete box (RCB) under Oliver Rd. project. He stated that the original RCB bid was rejected, revised and rebid due to being considerably higher than the original engineer's estimate. One bid was received from Mies Construction, Inc. for \$110,446.00 for the rebid of the RCB project. Commissioner Hague made a motion to accept the low bid for the RCB project from Mies Construction, Inc. for \$110,446.00. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber, Finance Director, presented a review of the proposed Harvey County budget for 2017. He compared projected revenues for all departments with the actual revenues for 2015 and estimated revenues for 2016.

The proposed expenditures for each department in the general fund were explained and reviewed. Personnel expenses will increase in accordance with the previously adopted Employee Compensation and Classification Plan. Other supplemental requests are included in the proposed budget. Some supplemental requests and CIP requested were excluded or deferred.

The proposed budget includes CIP requests for a new master control board for the Detention Center, upgrading the tax and accounting system and adding unpaved roads to the Road & Bridge road improvement plan.

All departmental budgets were reviewed and discussed. A discussion was held regarding some supplemental requests and the proposed Public Information Officer position. The commissioners instructed staff to remove or defer a few projects from the CIP and add in a few supplemental requests.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

The 2017 budget, as presented, proposed a levy increase of approximately 1.94 mills. With the changes directed by the commission the mill levy will increase to approximately 2.5 mills.

After the budget discussion was completed, John informed the commission that he was contacted by representatives from Workforce Area 1 who suggested meeting with the commissioners on July 19 prior to the BREG meeting that will be held in Newton. The commissioners agreed that a special meeting should not be called for this presentation and should be scheduled for a regular meeting date.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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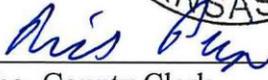


  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

  
Randy Hague, Member

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:

  
Rick Piepho, County Clerk