

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 9, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 9, 2016 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that he and Commissioner Hague attended the KCCA conference last week. He stated that there was a lot of good information presented and many discussions were held with commissioners from other counties.
2. Commissioners Westfall and Hague attended the Food Truck festival at East Park on Saturday. Both commented that there was a good turnout and the food was good. The commissioners commended Parks staff for organizing and conducting events at the parks.
3. Commissioner Hague reported that at the KCCA he attended a breakout session regarding the Saline County drug court program and the Sedgwick County mental health court program. He stated that both programs were innovative solutions to reduce detention.
4. Commissioner Westfall reported that at the KCCA he attended a breakout session regarding emergency medical services. He stated that the number of billing codes has expanded causing difficulties with reimbursements. He also stated that EMS staffing is becoming a problem due to over regulation of the training requirements.

Minutes of the May 2 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The next joint Harvey County Commission and City of Newton Commission meeting is scheduled for June 16 at the courthouse.
2. Commissioner Westfall is scheduled to attend the Children's Ag & Conservation Festival on Wednesday, May 11 at the Harvey County Fairgrounds.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Scott Eckert, Harvey County Extension Agent, introduced the new 4-H Agent Hannah Anderson who started work today.
2. John Waltner, Administrator, reported that a consultant from the Office of Victims of Crime in Washington D.C. is scheduled to meet with agencies and departments affected by the shooting events in Newton & Hesston on May 11 & 12.
3. John reported that on Thursday, May 26 Harvey County is hosting the Public Finance Professionals' Lunch & Learn which is organized and offered by the WSU Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs.
4. John reported that a letter has been sent to township officials from the Road & Bridge Department informing them that R & B will no longer be able to assist them with ordering road signs due to the liability risk. Sign vendor information was provided in the letter.
5. John requested permission to send a notification to Alta Township to notify them that the offer of in-kind services and transporting of materials by the R & B department will expire soon. He stated that Alta Township was offered in-kind services in lieu of

- payment for claimed damages to the Alta township roads during the Burmac bridge replacement project, but they have not responded to the offer. The commissioners agreed that the offer should expire on May 31 and authorized John to send notification to the Alta Township officials.
6. John reported that the Harvey County portion of the \$701,533.50 total recent delinquent tax distribution done by the Treasurer's office is \$250,327.35. This distribution included the delinquent taxes paid for the AZP or Halstead Hospital properties and some other delinquent taxes paid since the last distribution.
 7. John presented copies of a letter sent to the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging (CPAAA) by the Butler County Commission expressing their concerns and issues regarding the Congregate Nutrition Program in Butler, Harvey and Sedgwick Counties. They expressed dissatisfaction with the quality of meals and the level service provided by the current contracted vendor for the senior meal program. John stated that Harvey County has not experienced the same issues with the vendor, but the commission needs to be aware of the situation.
 8. John presented copies of a Notice of Public Hearing and Issuance of Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds that was sent by the City of North Newton. The City of North Newton will conduct a public hearing on May 9 at 7 p.m. regarding the proposed issuance of taxable industrial revenue bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for North Woods Plaza, LLC for a commercial complex to be located at 3225 North Main.
 9. John presented a proposed appointment for a member of the Harvey County Advisory Committee for Prairie View. The recommendation is to appoint Robert Fisher to replace the position previously held by Brenda Lee. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to waive the second reading and appoint Robert Fisher for the term June 2016 to June 2019 to the Harvey County Advisory Committee for Prairie View and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 10. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, presented the report prepared by 360 Energy Engineers of the 2nd quarter energy savings for the courthouse energy upgrades. The report shows that the energy savings exceed projections with total savings of about \$10,000 per month.
 11. Kass Miller, Director of Parks, reported that he is contacting contractors regarding the concrete work needed for the foundation for the new restroom facility at West Park. Kass also stated that East Park was busy over the weekend and the Food Truck Festival, R/C night flight and movie in the park were well attended.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$525,336.23 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Nancy McCarthy Snyder, Director, WSU Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs, presented Molly Redinger, Assistant Communications Director with a certificate for completing the MiniMPA course. The MiniMPA provides executive development in public administration presented in 3 hour sessions each week for 16 weeks. John thanked Nancy, who is retiring soon, for her service.

Anthony and Jennifer Foster, 9th Judicial District Court Administrator, presented the proposed Jury Room Remodel Request for Proposal (RFP). They reported that this project is included in the 2016

CIP budget. The request requires contractors to submit a proposal for remodeling the north jury room including conducting a site visit, creating a design and completing the work including installing ADA restrooms, replacement of the kitchenette and repainting. The RFP will be sent to multiple contractors and posted on the county website. Proposals are due June 3 to be opened during the commission meeting on June 6 with recommendations submitted to the commission on or before June 20. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve and distribute the RFP. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, reported on possible concerns regarding stormwater responsibilities and liabilities. He reported that KDHE contacted all solid waste permit holders to remind them of their responsibilities related to the industrial stormwater provisions of the federal NPDES regulations. Rollin stated that KDHE issues permits of behalf of the EPA, but the EPA recently inspected and fined a county in Kansas for violations. KDHE had given approval for some the things that the EPA found to be violations causing uncertainty due to conflicting requirements from KDHE and EPA. Rollin stated that Harvey County complies with all KDHE standards including having a NPDES general permit and a SWP2 plan. He is in the process of renewing the NPDES Industrial Stormwater General Permit which will expire on October 31, 2016.

Commissioner Westfall asked if Rollin was aware of a possible increase in tipping fees being charged by Reno County due to methane gas issues at their landfill. Commissioner Westfall stated that a Reno County commissioner discussed the issue with him during a conversation at the KCCA conference last week. Rollin stated that he was not aware of any proposed increases to the tipping fees charged for disposing of waste hauled by Harvey County to the Reno County landfill, but he would research the issue.

Bob Myers, Newton City Attorney, and Suzanne Loomis, Newton City Engineer/Director of Public Works presented plans and estimates for the airport drainage project. The City of Newton and Harvey County jointly own the Airport therefore the costs for the project should be split equally. They reported the cost of the land is \$529,000 and the estimated costs of construction are \$722,000 so the county share of the costs is \$625,500. Bob stated that the City is planning to issue bonds for this project so the county should be able to make payments to the City for the life of the bonds. Bob stated that a one-half interest in the land will be deeded to the county and he will prepare an interlocal agreement and final documentation for the project to be approved by both commissions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

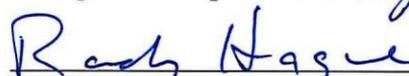
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ATTEST:


Rick Piepho, County Clerk


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson


Randy Hague, Member


Ron Krehbiel, Member