

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 21, 2016

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 21, 2016 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Hague suggested that the City of North Newton be contacted about correcting the height of the sewer cleanouts along Hesston Rd. He stated that the contractor for the sewer line from North Newton to Hesston agreed to install the cleanouts flush with the ground surface, but they are considerably higher and are a potential hazard for any vehicles that may need to utilize the right-of-way area. Counselor Greg Nye will contact the City of North Newton about the issue.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that the annual organizational meeting for the Harvey County Republican Party will be held at 7 p.m. on November 22 in the courthouse community room.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that he and other commissioners and staff attended multiple informative sessions at the KAC conference last week.
4. Commissioner Westfall was elected to Kansas County Commissioners Association (KCCA) Board of Directors at their meeting held during the KAC conference last week.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Harvey County Extension Council Annual meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on November 28 in the courthouse community room.
2. The City/County Joint meeting scheduled for December 15 has been cancelled.
3. Harvey County will be hosting the Quad County meeting on December 12 at 11:45 a.m. It will include a tour of the Newton YMCA.

Minutes of the November 14 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, presented a Thank You note from Halstead/Bentley USD 440 to the Commission and the Road and Bridge Department for the work done on County Road 801 between Halstead and Bentley.
2. John reported that the Kansas Association of City/County Managers (KACM) annual conference will be held November 30 – December 2 at the Meridian Center in Newton. He distributed copies of the agenda for the meeting and invited the commissioners to attend sessions of interest to them.
3. Copies of the Community Health Needs Assessment survey were presented along with directions to access the survey online. The survey is being conducted by a partnership of Newton Medical Center, Newton Fire/EMS, Prairie View, Health Ministries Clinic and the Harvey County Health Department to identify health issues across the county. Links to the survey are being distributed by email and social media. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCCHA> from Nov. 14 - Dec. 18.

4. John presented copies of the Public Notice that was published in local newspapers as required by KDHE concerning the expansion of a confined feeding operation. Cottonwood Hog Farm, 2901 NW 60th St. has submitted plans and specifications to KDHE to add a compost facility and a 1,200 head swine building to their existing 3,000 head swine facility. KDHE has 180 days from the application date to make a final determination to issue or deny the permit.
5. John announced that the US Department of Labor has awarded the Workforce Alliance a \$5.9 million grant as part of its America's Promise program. The Workforce Alliance is made up of key partners in the south central Kansas region and is part of the Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth (BREG). The grant funds will be used to provide tuition free training, develop work-based skills opportunities and on-the-job-training in the aviation and advance manufacturing sectors throughout the region.
6. The Commissioners received a letter and Recommendation for Appointment from Janet Cagle, Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections Director, requesting that the Commissioners re-appoint Barbara Bunting to the HMCCC Advisory Board for the term 10-1-2016 to 10-1-2019. Commissioner Hague made a motion to waive the second reading and approve the re-appointment of Barbara Bunting to the HMCCC Advisory Board and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Gina Bell, Planning & Zoning Director, presented information regarding a location at US 50 & Hoover Rd. that has been reported as being used as a private shooting range. She reported that the shooting range is parallel to Highway 50 and she is concerned about the trajectory of stray bullets into traffic on the highway. Commissioner Westfall suggested that she contact the KDOT legal department.
8. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported that today is National Public Health Day.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$102,792.99 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Kass Miller presented an agreement and special use permit policy between the commission and Quivira Council of the Boy Scouts of America regarding the upcoming annual Trappers' Rendezvous event to be held January 13-15, 2017 at West Park. Kass reported that the contract is the same as the one used last year with date changes and a change requiring the BSA to pay \$2.00 per registrant; the previous contract required payment of \$2.00 per attendee. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the agreement as presented and authorize the chairman to sign the document. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, opened the bids for a Salt and Sand Spreader for the Road & Bridge Department. The purchase of this spreader is included in the 2016 CIP budget for Road & Bridge. Bids from three different vendors were received prior to the deadline; Midwest Truck, Wichita submitted two bids, Swenson, Illinois submitted one bid & Truck Parts, Wichita submitted three bids. The only bid that met the required specifications was one of the bids from Midwest Truck for

\$20,917.00 total for a Henderson spreader. Jim reviewed the bids that did not meet the specifications, which ranged from \$13,975.00 to \$24,296.00, and determined that the individual specifications that were not met for each proposed unit were necessary. He recommended purchasing the unit that met the specifications from Midwest Truck. Commissioner Hague made a motion to accept the bids and approve the purchase of a new Henderson Sand & Salt Spreader from Midwest Truck for a total cost of \$20,917.00. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Deb Scheibler, Workforce Area 1 Regional Director, presented a report of Harvey County Services provided by Workforce Area 1 which covers 62 counties in western Kansas including Harvey County. Board members Ken Gates and Ernie Lehman were also in attendance and presented some additional information. The report shows the numbers of residents and businesses served or impacted by the services of Workforce Area 1. In the past year there were 477 Harvey County residents who received KANSASWORKS Services which include job search assistance, mock interviews, resume preparation, job referral and career assessments. There were 52 residents who received Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act services which include occupational skills training in a number of fields. There were also 190 Harvey County employers who received services including on-the-job-training, recruitment and workforce development. The commissioners expressed their opinion that Harvey County should be assigned to Workforce Area 4 which includes Wichita and Sedgwick County due to Harvey County being included as part of the Wichita Metro Area and the quantity and quality of services offered by Area 4. Deb replied that it would be difficult to change the workforce area boundaries, but suggested that the two workforce areas need to work on creating and maintaining a better partnership. She agreed that there are current issues regarding the sharing and assignment of services, but expressed a willingness and desire to partner with Area 4 to provide better and more accessible services to area residents and businesses. Beth Shelton, Harvey County EDC Director, stated that she currently utilizes both Workforce agencies as assests.

At 11:23 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 7 minutes to confer with attorney regarding privileged matters. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Rick Piepho and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 11:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session were John Waltner and Anthony Swartzendruber. Executive session ended at 11:50 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

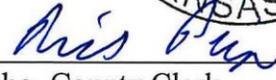


Randy Hague, Member



Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:



Rick Piepho, County Clerk