

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 14, 2017

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 14, 2017 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Anthony Swartzendruber, Administrator, reported that the recommendation for award for the RCB project bid opening will be presented during Administrative items later in today's meeting.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that he attended a meeting with Homeland Defense and the Sheriff to discuss possible federal funding for the Drug Task Force.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel suggested publishing a copy of the public notice provided in the KAC newsletter stating that farming county roads is prohibited. He stated that there are a number of intersections in the county where sight lines are restricted due to crops in the right-of-way.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The REAP Regional Community Leadership Summit scheduled for August 31 has been postponed to an undetermined date in November.
2. The Newton Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is scheduled for September 21.

Minutes of the August 7 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Anthony reported that The Newton Kansan has announced that beginning September 10 they will only publish 3 issues per week (Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday) instead of 5 issues per week. The Kansan is the official newspaper for county legal publications, but this change should not significantly affect the publication of legal notices.
2. Anthony presented copies of a letter from the Kansas Department of Revenue stating that they recently met with Harvey County Economic Development and SCKEDD officials to monitor and review the micro-loan fund. The letter stated that the files were in good condition and well organized. They recommended increasing the promotion of the micro-loan program to assist businesses and create jobs in the County.
3. Anthony reported that Sedgwick County will host the next Central Plains Quad-County Planning Forum on Monday, September 11 at the Sedgwick County Zoo.
4. Anthony reported that reservations need to be made for the KAC Conference in Overland Park in November. Commissioners Hague and Westfall plan to attend and administration staff will submit reservations for them.
5. Anthony reported that Kyle McCaskey, Harvey County Public Information Officer, assisted the Newton Police Department as the PIO for the double homicide discovery and investigation last week.
6. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented the results of his analysis and recommendation for award from the submissions that were opened at last week's meeting for the 2017 Reinforced Concrete Box (RCB) program. He stated that the proposed RCB plan included five total structures: (1) 26-G.91 on N Rock Rd. just south of SE 24th St.; (2) 2-H.2 on S. Wheat State Rd. just west of the City of Burrton; (3) L-15.2 on NE 24th St. just east of N. Emma Creek Rd.; (4) (Alternate 1) C-21.1 on SE 84th St. just east of S. Kansas; and (5) (Alternate 2) 2-A.2 on S. Wheat State Rd. just

north of SW 125th St.. Three companies submitted bids for the RCB project. Reece Construction submitted the lowest bid of \$372,474.40 total bid with both alternates (\$200,841.40 base bid, \$136,273.00 alternate #1 and \$35,360.00 alternate #2). Jim recommends removing alternate #2 (bridge 2-A.2) from the program and awarding the contract to Reece Construction for a total price of \$337,114.40. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to award the contract for RCB replacement at four sites to Reece Construction for a total cost of \$337,114.40 without alternate #2 and authorize the administrator to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS (continued):

7. Jim Meier reported that the HIPR contract work is scheduled to begin next week, the UBAS project is scheduled to begin in early September and the RCB contractor plans to begin work in November and be completed prior to year end.
8. Counselor Greg Nye stated that the Patterson town site road vacation resolution is being published and the hearing is scheduled for September 11. He also reported that he is working on a resolution to request a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board regarding the request from Sedgwick Township officials to designate three roads as minimum maintenance roads. The resolution should be presented at next week's commission meeting.
9. Rick Piepho, County Clerk & Election Officer, reported that he recently learned that a drainage district statute was changed and the three board member positions for the Little Arkansas River Drainage District will be up for election in November 2017. The board members were elected in 2015 to four year terms, but the change requires that they be elected in 2017 for a 4-year term. The candidate filing deadline for these positions is September 1 at noon and any property owner in the drainage district is eligible to apply. Rick stated that he is unsure if the current board members will file for re-election because they have indicated that they are ready to retire from the board and have requested information about dissolving the district. He reported that he and Counselor Nye are working on a recommendation to the commission regarding the future of the district.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$231,112.75 total were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Meier opened the bids for a new Rotary Boom Mower for the Road & Bridge Department. The bids were sent to multiple vendors and posted on the county website. One company submitted a bid. Murphy Tractor submitted a bid for a Diamond 20' Boom Mower at a total cost of \$28,085.00. Jim stated that this amount exceeds the amount budgeted for this purchase, but it might be possible to reallocate some savings from other purchases. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to acknowledge the receipt and accept the proposal from Murphy Tractor for a new Rotary Boom Mower and directed staff to review the bid and report recommendations at a future meeting. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to recess into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss confidential information pursuant to the consultation with an attorney to discuss matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship exception in Kansas Statute. The open

meeting will resume in the Commission meeting room at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Those present for the session were the three Commissioners, Anthony Swartzendruber, Dan Bronson, Rick Piepho and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 9:55 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

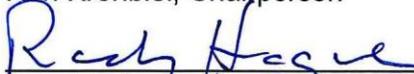
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ATTEST:


Rick Piepho, County Clerk


Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson


Randy Hague, Member


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member