

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**August 28, 2017**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 28, 2017 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

There were no items added to the agenda.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that he is scheduled to attend REAP task force meetings on September 5 and September 27. There is also a REAP full membership meeting scheduled for October 19.

Minutes of the August 21 Commission meeting and the August 22 joint County/City of Newton meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Steven Wilkinson, SCKEDD Executive Director, introduced himself to the commission stating that he was recently hired as the new director of South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD). He presented information about his plans and goals for the organization in the future and updated the commission on the activities and projects in Harvey County. Steven stated that SCKEDD has three main areas of activities to assist businesses and citizens: 1) Loan programs for businesses; 2) Housing services including weatherization; and 3) Grant assistance. He stated that he looks forward to working in and with the county to provide assistance to the businesses and citizens of Harvey County.
2. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, presented participation statistics for the Employee Gym Membership Subsidy program. In February the commission voted to establish and approve the program through the end of calendar year 2017. Staff has negotiated agreements with the YMCA and the other wellness centers in the county to provide discounted membership fees, at the rate of \$75.00 per year, to county employees and bill the county \$6.25 per month for each employee that maintains a paid membership at their facility. She reported that 30 employees are currently members of the YMCA with 60 additional family members also visiting the facility with a total of 481 staff visits during the period of March 1 through July 31, 2017. The total cost of the program for the 5 month period is \$937.50. Commissioner Hague made a motion to extend the program for an additional six months. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Lynnette also presented the proposed point distribution schedule for the 2018 Healthy Harvey Rewards Program for the period of October 1, 2017 to September 15, 2018. She stated that the wellness team which is represented by most of the departments in the county is proposing this schedule with some changes from last year. She stated that points for participation in a diabetes prevention program were added, but otherwise the schedule is the same as last year's. 100 points will still be required for employees to receive a discount on their insurance premiums in 2019. She stated that the goal of the program is to promote overall healthy behavior by employees. Employees wishing to participate in the discount program will be required to complete and submit a points verification form which will be reviewed and certified by a third

- party. Commissioner Westfall suggested adding other types of vaccinations to the list and assigning points values for them. The wellness team will meet to consider revising the schedule to be presented at a future commission meeting for approval.
4. Anthony Swartzendruber, Administrator, presented copies of the agenda and project tracker report from the Harvey County Economic Development meeting on August 23. He reported that some new projects or potential developments were added to the list and the status of a few others were updated including one project where the number of acres sought was increased from 500-1000 acres to 1000-2000 acres total.
  5. Anthony presented copies of the Notice of Hearing for the public hearing to be conducted by the City of North Newton on September 11 at 7 p.m. to consider the issuance of a Digital Sign Conditional Use Permit for the Everence property at 3179 N. Main in North Newton.
  6. Anthony reported that the Notice of Public Hearing for the Patterson town site road vacation has been published and adjacent property owners have been notified of the public hearing scheduled for September 11.
  7. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that the re-grading work on S. East Lake Rd. is in progress. He also reported that the HIPR contract work is in progress and that the contractor worked in the City of Hesston on Saturday to minimize disruption.
  8. Commissioner Hague stated that the issues regarding the maintenance of NW 36<sup>th</sup> St from K15 to Anderson need to be resolved immediately because there are some large potholes that need to be addressed. He suggested that the commission take action that the county continue to maintain the road regardless of ownership. He also stated that the City of North Newton should quitclaim the road to the county pending a determination of whether they plan to annex the property north of the road where their water tower is or whether they plan to apply for a conditional use permit for the water tower. Commissioner Westfall agreed that the issue needs to be resolved, but a discussion needs to be scheduled as an agenda item for a future meeting. He stated that a hydraulic study needs to be completed prior to accepting ownership or agreeing to maintain the road. Anthony stated that a list of utilities allowed in the right-of-way by the City of North Newton will also need to be obtained and reviewed. The commissioners agreed that as a temporary solution, the Harvey County Road & Bridge department should be dispatched to patch the potholes and areas creating a safety hazard as soon as an agreement is received from the City of North Newton allowing them to work there. Jim stated that his department can work on the road this week. Anthony and Jim will contact North Newton City Administrator, John Torline today to get the agreement allowing the work to be conducted.
  9. Derrick Richling, Parks Operations Supervisor, reported that the 3D target archery tournament held at East Park last weekend went well, there was a good attendance and a lot of good feedback was received. He passed around some photos taken during the event.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM:**

Harvey County resident Jeremy Kindy distributed a handout and presented comments about the process that led to the adoption of the resolution to sell the Camp Hawk property. He specifically questioned the openness of the process that indicates that multiple discussions were held over a few years time leading to the decision to adopt the resolution. He stated that evidence of these discussions has not been found in the minutes of the commission meetings or Parks Board meetings or other public records.

Scott Seirer, Vogts-Parga representative and Newton resident expressed concerns about the deteriorating condition of NW 36<sup>th</sup> St. He stated that his company is developing and constructing the North Woods Plaza at K15 and NW 36<sup>th</sup> and they have multiple businesses considering locating in that area, but the condition of that road may affect their decision.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$52,602.32 total were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, presented a fiscal year 2017 year end outcomes report. She gave an overview of the statistics and accomplishments for the year. She stated that they met or exceeded all of the targeted goals for the year. She also presented information about a 2018 Reinvestment Grant from the KDOC to assist with implementation and operations related to recent legislative changes regarding the juvenile justice system. She reported that she is applying for \$69,372 total, which is slightly less than the maximum amount allocated for the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District which includes Harvey and McPherson Counties. She stated McPherson County is the home county for the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District so no action is required from the Harvey County commission for the grant application. Janet also presented six employment service agreements to employ on-call juvenile intake and assessment workers for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. These are all extensions of the agreements from last year. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the 2017 Year-end Outcomes report and for Harvey County to enter into the six Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections employment service agreements and authorize the chair to sign the documents. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Gina Bell, Planning, Zoning & Environmental Director, reported that she recently learned that some modifications are required for the Whitetail Crossing Plat so it is not ready to be presented at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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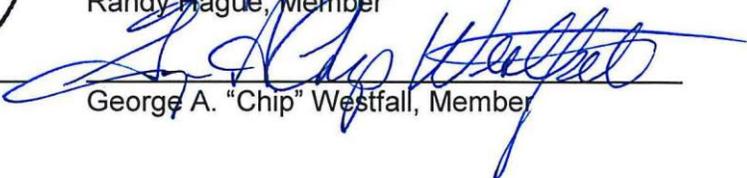


ATTEST:

  
Rick Piepho, County Clerk

  
Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

  
Randy Hague, Member

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member