MINUTES OF

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 3, 2017

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 3, 2017 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. The commissioners wished everyone a Happy New Year.
2. Chairman Westfall stated that the swearing in ceremony for all of the county officials elected in the November election will be held in the courtroom upstairs shortly after the beginning of next week's meeting.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that KDOT has scheduled a meeting on January 11 at 10 a.m. in Whitewater to discuss the railroad crossing on K-196 west of Whitewater.
2. Commissioner Westfall stated that he will attend a KCCA board meeting in Topeka on January 25 after the legislative day activities.

Minutes of the December 19 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, stated that the 2017 calendar of REAP meetings and the 2017 KAC course schedules were included in the commissioner's packets.
2. Anthony reported that the commissioners are invited to attend the REAP South Central Legislative Delegation Reception at 3:30 p.m. on January 5 at WSU.
3. Anthony reported that an email was received from the City of Newton regarding a fire in a structure on City/County owned property near the airport. The email reported that the barn on the property burned down on Saturday, December 24, 2016. The barn was scheduled to be removed in 2017.
4. Anthony presented copies of a Wichita Eagle article reporting that exports from the Wichita-South Central Kansas Regional area increased by 5.85% last year, the third highest growth rate of the nation's top 100 metropolitan areas. This growth may be significantly affected by changes proposed by the new President and Congress, specifically to the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement.
5. Anthony stated that the lease agreement with ICM for a parcel near the landfill has expired, but ICM would like to extend/renew the lease for another year. Administration will work on preparing and executing the paperwork needed.
6. Anthony reported that sales tax collections are down slightly for the year compared to last year, but would be up if the one large adjustment made last year was removed from the calculation. He reported that year to date sales and compensating use tax collections for Harvey County are up by about 2% over last year.
7. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2017-1**, appointing and designating First Bank of Newton as the official depository for Harvey County.

Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

8. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2017-2**, appointing and designating the Newton Kansan as the official county newspaper. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
9. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2017-3**, establishing salaries for elected officials of Harvey County. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The changes will be effective beginning January 14.
10. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that a meeting of the fire service agencies in Reno and Harvey counties is scheduled on Wednesday, January 4 to discuss and prepare a plan for future wildfire events.
11. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, reported that no cases of mumps have been reported in Harvey County yet. She also reported that a stakeholder meeting is scheduled on February 15, 10 a.m. – noon to discuss the results of the health needs survey that was recently conducted.
12. Kass Miller, Parks Director, reported that work on the Walnut Grove area restroom facility continues. He also reported that they are preparing for the Trappers Rendezvous event to be held at West Park in a few weeks.
13. Kass and Carol Dilts, Ranger, also reported that the Centennial Walnut at West Park has been located. The tree is still standing, but is dead. They are checking into possibly felling the tree, milling the lumber and using it for a future project. Carol stated that a representative from KSU confirmed that seedlings were grown and distributed from samples taken from the tree in the early 1970's.
14. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, distributed copies of an email he received from Terry Jacob regarding a drainage issue on the north side of 125th St. in Lakin Township. He was instructed to forward the information to the Road & Bridge Department.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of $278,714.17 from last week and $62,991.99 for this week were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:00 a.m., Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, opened bids for bid number 17-001 from two dealerships for the purchase of one new Semi Tractor for the Solid Waste Department. Rollin stated that the amount budgeted for this purchase is $129,000. Bid requests were sent to multiple dealerships and five bids total were received from the two dealerships:

Description	**Freightliner Truck Center**		**Summit Truck Group**		
New 2016 or 2017 Semi Tractor	$111,271.10	$111,988.10	$107,510.00	$106,981.00	$110,044.00
Year:	2018	2018	2018	2017	2018
Make:	Freightliner	Western Star	Mack	Mack	Volvo
Model:	114SD	4700	CHU613	CHU613	VHD

Warranty Provided:	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Delivery Cost:	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Delivery Time:	75-90 days	75-90 days	90-120 days	60-90 days	90-120 days
Total	**$111,271.10**	**$111,988.10**	**$107,510.00**	**$106,981.00**	**$110,044.00**

The commissioners suggested that Rollin review of all of the bids. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the bids as presented and allow staff time to review and present a recommendation at next week's meeting. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

360 Energy Engineers representative Kevin Player presented the final October 2015 through September 2016 Measurement & Verification Report of the energy savings achieved as a result of the completion of the courthouse renovation project. He reported that the total energy and maintenance savings are $111,533 for the 12 month period; slightly above the savings guarantee.

At 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 35 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also present for the session was Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 11:15 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

Rick Piepho, County Clerk

Ron Krehbiel, Member