

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 30, 2017

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 30, 2017 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioners Westfall and Hague reported that they attended the KAC Local Government Day where they learned that the legislature is considering revisions to the tax lid. Senate leaders indicated that a bill to repeal the tax lid could pass in their chamber.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that he attended a meeting with the Realtors Association last week where zoning issues and the 40 acre rule were discussed.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

There were no items added to the calendar.

Minutes of the January 23 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, stated that a Harvey County Wellness Team soup luncheon is scheduled for today at noon in the Community Room.
2. John reported that a group of homeschool students is scheduled to tour the courthouse offices this afternoon.
3. John stated that the commissioners are invited to attend the Hesston Chamber Annual Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on February 21 at the Water's Edge in Hesston.
4. John stated that a number of activities are scheduled for next Monday, February 6. The District Court office is hosting a Valentine's Day lunch, the Conservation District Annual Meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. in Halstead and the Annual Township Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Harvey County Shop.
5. John reminded the commissioners that the County Wide Collaboration meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9 at the Meridian Center. A presentation will be given about the active shooter events that occurred in Harvey County last February.
6. John presented a recommendation from Pleasant Township officers Lynn Voth, Trustee and Erin Mosiman, Treasurer that the commission appoint Philip H. Kimerer to fill the vacant Pleasant Township Clerk position. The clerk position was held by Lynn Voth but was vacated when he was elected as Trustee. Philip was in attendance and agreed to serve if appointed. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to appoint Philip H. Kimerer as Pleasant Township Clerk. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Kass Miller, Parks Director, presented the proposed Site Partner Agreement with Mainprize Industries, LLC for the 2017 Conquer the Gauntlet (CTG) obstacle course event. He stated that this agreement is basically the same as last year's agreement with a few date changes and a fee structure change. The new agreement proposes a \$1,000 flat fee plus a \$1 per head charge for all competitors and attendees. Last year CTG was charged a \$3,000 flat fee, but based on last years event Kass believes that the County will receive more than last year. The commissioners agreed that Kass should present the proposed agreement to CTG and continue with the negotiations.

8. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that the National Weather Service (NWS) audit that was conducted last week went well and that the Storm Ready certification for Harvey County should be renewed soon. He stated that the NWS conducts these audits every three years. Gary also reported that the second meeting of Harvey and Reno County Fire service is scheduled for this week to start preparing a common operating plan for wildfire event response.
9. Byron Warta, EDC Representative, distributed copies of the EDC project tracker report and retention visits report. He reported that three companies are active prospects.
10. Kass Miller reported that a disc golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, February 5 at Camp Hawk. All of the proceeds will go to AGAPE.
11. Rick Piepho, County Clerk, reported that he is scheduled to present written and oral testimony to the KS House Elections committee this afternoon on HB 2013. This bill allows candidates nominated by write-in vote to accept or decline the nomination.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$147,197.95 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, presented a proposed Invitation to Bidders 17-007 for one new 2017 or 2018 skid steer. He stated that this skid steer will replace the 2008 model skid steer, currently in use, which will be moved to another area within the department and the 1999 model that no longer runs will be sold. He stated the minimum specifications are listed in the request and that this purchase is included in the Solid Waste budget for this year. The bids will be due at 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2017 to be opened in public on Monday, February 21 during the commission meeting. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve and distribute the Invitation to Bidders 17-007. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Rollin reported that there was a small fire in the C & D landfill last Thursday that the fire department extinguished and the area was covered with dirt. He stated that KDHE will investigate the area because there are indications that it is still burning deep underground.

Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator & Finance Director, gave a presentation of the 2016 Year-End Financial report. He stated that Harvey County is in a good financial position with all fund balances over the required amounts. Assessed values are up, revenues are up and expenses were lower than budgeted. Investment income has also increased. The 2018 budget kick-off meeting with department heads will be held Feb. 8. Anthony stated that the tax lid legislation will be in effect for the 2018 budget and the timeline has been adjusted accordingly. The commissioners commented that they are glad that Harvey County is in a better financial position than a lot of other counties, and the State of Kansas, thanks to the financial planning work done by Anthony and John and the efforts by all of the departments to maintain their budgets. John stated that a lot of credit should be given to the commissioners for their overall guidance and their support of changes that are proposed.

Commissioner Westfall reported that the annual Kansas County Commissioners Association (KCCA) meeting is scheduled for May 31 thru June 2.

Rick reported that the special election to fill the vacancy in the US House of Representatives, District 4, has been set for April 11.

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

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Ron Krehbiel

Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson

Randy Hague

Randy Hague, Member

George A. "Chip" Westfall

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ATTEST:

Rick Piepho

Rick Piepho, County Clerk