

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 1, 2017

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 1, 2017 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall reminded everyone that second half property taxes are due May 10.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Annual Newton Chamber Steak Cookout will be held on Friday, May 5 at 6 p.m. at the Armory.

Minutes of the April 24 Commission regular meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Anthony Swartzendruber, Administrator, presented copies of the agenda for the joint meeting of the County Commission and the Newton City Commission scheduled for May 3 at 3:00 p.m. at the Newton City Hall Conference Room.
2. Anthony reported that the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce is planning another City to City visit. The trip is scheduled for September 18-20 to Raleigh, North Carolina. Anthony stated that he participated in the City to City trip last year as a Harvey County representative. He asked the commissioners to consider attending or whether a representative from the county should be sent.
3. Anthony presented copies of the legal publications for the Tax Foreclosure Sale scheduled for May 31. About 30 tracts will be auctioned at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Community Room and at 2:00 p.m. the property at 1st St and Spencer Rd. in Newton will be auctioned at that location.
4. Anthony reported that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) security assessment meetings and tours of the facilities concluded last Tuesday afternoon. Anthony stated that his office is compiling the information and he is planning to create a safety committee to review the information and prepare recommendations.
5. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to waive the second reading of the Recommendation for Appointment and re-appoint Carolyn Schwab to the Harvey County Parks Advisory Board for the term 4-1-2017 to 4-1-2020 and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. Anthony presented a Proclamation for Public Service Recognition Week, May 7th-13th, for consideration. Public Service Recognition Week was established to honor the millions of public employees at the federal, state, county and city levels who take oaths to serve the public. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the Proclamation as presented and proclaim May 7-13, 2017 as Public Service Recognition Week. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Jan Jones, Executive Director of Harvey County DV/SA Task Force & Safe House, presented a 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant application requesting \$371,498.00 from the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation (KHRC) for Harvey County DV/SA Task Force, Inc. for homeless assistance and operation of the Safe House. Jan explained that this grant application includes a request for \$250,000 to renovate the Oak St.

building recently acquired from the County for operation as a safe house. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the grant application as presented and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

8. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that he is meeting with BNSF officials about completing crossing improvements prior to beginning the contracted paving work on Burmac Rd. Jim reported that the paving project contractor is scheduled to begin work in the next few weeks.
9. Sheriff Chad Gay reported that Harvey County Sheriff Deputies Robert Guest and Brandon Huntley and the Harvey County Sheriff's Office will be recognized by the KS Association of Chiefs of Police on May 10 for their involvement in the February 2016 active shooter incident in Harvey County.
10. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, stated that May is National Bike Safety Month and her department will be promoting bicycle safety and conducting workshops.
11. Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, reported that he is in the process of planning and scheduling ICS classes for law enforcement personnel.
12. Dan Bronson, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, reported that departmental meetings with administration regarding their 2018 budget requests are scheduled to be conducted next week.
13. Dan also presented the Sales Tax Collections report for April. Sales tax collections are down for the month compared to last year, but the quarter and year to date totals are still higher than last year.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Reverend Vern Bender and Bob Baumgartner presented information to the commissioners for the National Day of Prayer event to be held on the courthouse lawn on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. He stated that this will be the 33rd year for this event in Harvey County. He thanked the commissioners and invited them to attend.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$191,239.76 total were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

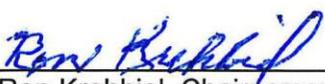
The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

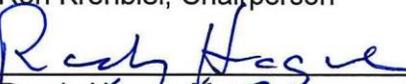
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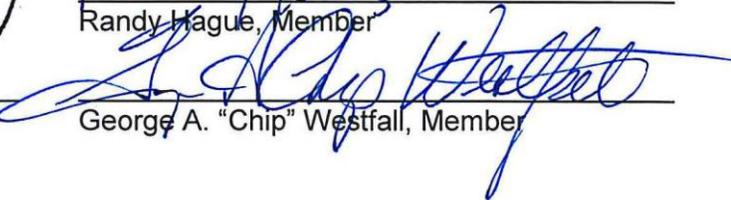


ATTEST:


Rick Piepho, County Clerk


Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson


Randy Hague, Member


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member