

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 11, 2017

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 11, 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 stated that during a recent KAC conference planning session he learned about proposed changes in the KDOT fund exchange program and some FEMA changes. He will contact Gary Denny, Emergency Management Director, about the FEMA changes.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Hague is scheduled to attend the Council of Governments meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 a.m. at The Breadbasket.
2. The Commission meeting on October 9 (Columbus Day) is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. After the meeting the courthouse will be closed for an in-service day to conduct employee benefits meetings and safety training sessions.

Minutes of the September 5 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Anthony Swartzendruber, Administrator, reported that Wray Roofing is currently working on the sealing project on the courthouse roof to repair the damages from the hailstorm a year ago.
2. Anthony reminded the commissioners that one position on the Central Kansas Regional Solid Waste Authority and one position on the Public Building Commission still need to be filled.
3. Anthony reported that the East-West crosswind runaway at the Newton City/County Airport will be closed until September 26 due to surfacing work.
4. Anthony stated that the Newton Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet is scheduled for September 21. All three commissioners plan to attend.
5. Anthony reported that an article in the September issue of the KAC "County Comment" newsletter explains the KDOT change to the exchange rate offered to local jurisdictions for road projects funded through the Federal Fund Exchange Program. The exchange rate will change from 90% to 75% effective October 1. Anthony stated that the change will cost the county about \$34,000 per year.
6. Anthony reported that the City of Moundridge contacted him to request approval and support from the commission for their request to KDOT to install signage on Highway 50 at Halstead Rd. in Harvey County indicating the route and number of miles to their city. The commissioners agreed to approve and support the request and that Anthony should draft and send a letter indicating such.
7. Rollin Schmidt, Solid Waste Director, presented copies of the Household Hazardous Waste Program Annual Report for Harvey County for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 for review and discussion.
8. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, presented the proposed point distribution schedule and verification form 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 met to

consider suggested revisions to add other types of vaccinations to the list and assigning points values for them. She stated that this proposed schedule includes the vaccination changes and the addition of awarding points for participation in a diabetes prevention program, 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 made a motion to approve the 2018 Healthy Harvey Rewards program as presented. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

9. Anthony presented a membership renewal request from SCKEDD. The membership fee for Harvey County is \$5,896.28 for fiscal year 2018 beginning July 1, 2017. The commissioners agreed to renew this membership. A resolution will be prepared and presented at the next commission meeting.
10. Lynnette reported that a grant opportunity is available from the Women's Community Foundation. The commissioners agreed that she should proceed with applying for this grant.
11. Kass Miller, Parks Director, reported that they have completed power washing the Community Building at West Park. He also stated that a large tree came down at West Park, but they were able to clear it with their skid steer.
12. Gina Bell, Planning, Zoning & Environmental Director, reported that the Planning & Zoning Board consider the request from the commission to review and provide recommendations for changing the status of some roads in Sedgwick Township to minimum maintenance roads. They reviewed the request but would like more input from the owners of the adjoining properties.
13. Kyle McCaskey, Public Information Officer and Special Projects Coordinator, reported that letters have been mailed to property owners with delinquent Solid Waste fees to inform them that the public hearing for protests is scheduled for September 25.
14. Rick Piepho, County Clerk & Election Officer, reported that the required Notice of Election for the protest of Resolution 2016-13 (Camp Hawk Sale) will be published this week and next at a cost of \$420.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$56,138.49 total were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony presented an Agreement to Cooperate in Exploring the Feasibility of Remodeling the Law Enforcement Center for review. He stated that it is not ready for approval by the County or the Newton City Commission because the fee for retaining an architect for the initial design phase has not been determined yet. He stated that the rest of the agreement is complete and has been reviewed by counsel. He reported that the fees for the architect for the initial design phase will be split between the County and the City; one-third and two-thirds, respectively. The \$4,000 estimated fees for a consultant to inspect and evaluate any lead contamination issues will be split equally. The agreement will be presented for consideration by both commissions when the architect fee is determined. The commissioners agreed to proceed with contracting a consultant to inspect the facility for any lead contamination issues.

Anthony presented **Resolution 2017-16** to Authorize the City of Wichita to Exercise Authority Over the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Within Harvey County for consideration. He reported that Sedgwick County is transferring the operation and administration of the HUD Section 8 Housing Assistance program of the Sedgwick County Housing Authority (SCHA) to the Wichita Housing Authority. For a number of years Harvey County has had an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with SCHA to administer and offer this program for Harvey County residents. He stated that this resolution transfers the administration of the program to the Wichita Housing Authority. Anthony reported that six Harvey County residents are currently in the program. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve **Resolution 2017-16** as presented. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:05 a.m. the public hearing for Vacating Roads in Patterson Town Site was opened. Counselor Greg Nye explained that the west alley and the streets on the west side of the townsite will be vacated. He stated that a notice of this hearing was sent to the three property owners affected by this vacation. With no public input, the hearing was At 10:10 a.m. A resolution will be prepared and presented at the next commission meeting to finalize the road vacation. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to vacate the roads as presented. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to recess into executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss pending litigation pursuant to the exception in Kansas Statute allowing consultation with an attorney to discuss matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. The open meeting will resume in the Commission meeting room at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Westfall 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 10:20 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was recessed at 10:20 a.m., at 11:00 a.m. the commissioners met to travel to and attend the Quad-County meeting in Wichita.

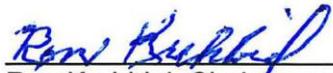
The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

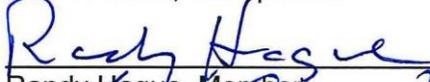
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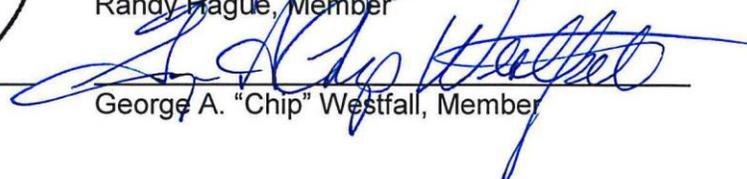


ATTEST:


Rick Piepho, County Clerk


Ron Krehbiel, Chairperson


Randy Hague, Member


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member