

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**December 17, 2007**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on December 17, 2007 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. There is a waste disposal system in question at the Don Esch residence on East First Street. Craig Simons and Scott Davies, Planning & Zoning Director, have checked the site. Mr. Esch has just replaced the septic tank which drains into a lagoon that has been declared illegal.
2. Chairman Westfall gave an overview of what was discussed at the Area Partnership meeting.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. There will be a CDDO meeting held this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Community Room.

Minutes of the December 10, 2007 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Terry Bourlard, representative from the Harvey County Health Department, presented a State of Kansas grant request for Emergency Preparedness. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Grant. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Craig Clough, Harvey County Appraiser, explained that although the Harvey County is Appraisal Plan for 2008 has been approved, the uniformity and ratio of commercial sales is out of compliance. The State has asked that this issue be in close observance.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Don Esch addressed the Commission with regard to a situation involving the waste disposal system at his residence on East First Street. After the lateral lines for the original septic system became clogged and ceased to function, the waste was diverted to a lagoon. After obtaining a permit from the Planning and Zoning Department, Mr. Esch began the process of installing a new septic tank which required inspection before it was covered with dirt. However, when the inspection was done, the lagoon was determined to be illegal because it was located too close to a drainage ditch and the area is prone to flooding. Commissioner Krehbiel and Chairman Westfall did not believe the Harvey County Planning Commission would allow a variance for the lagoon being too close to the road and road right-of-way. Scott Davies, Planning & Zoning Director, will do a soil test to determine if installing new lateral lines could possibly be a solution for the septic

system.

Jonie James, Ann Religa, Susan Jackson, and Scott Eckert presented the Harvey County Extension Council annual report for the year 2007. The report highlights the different programs provided throughout the year by the Extension Council. The report also gave information on the participation in each of the programs. Examples of some of the programs provided by the Extension Council are Women in Ag, 4-H, Farmer's Market, and the Schick program helping citizens to get enrolled in the Medicare plan that best suits them.

Jaci Reimer, City Administrator, and Keith DeHaven, Mayor, presented the revised Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and Interlocal Agreement for the City of Sedgwick for 2008. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the plan and sign the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Warrant checks were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session at 11:00 a.m. for a period of 15 minutes to discuss legal contracts. Greg Nye, Harvey County Counselor, was also in attendance. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 11:15 a.m. with no action being taken. After the session ended Commissioner Roberson made a motion to sign a contract with the Indigent Defense Council in the amount of \$130,000 for calendar year 2008. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Unless it becomes necessary, there will not be a Commission meeting held on December 31.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Member

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County Clerk

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Member