

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 5, 2007

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 5, 2007 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. The Commissioners received an amended agenda for the Quad County Meeting to be held on March 19, 2007 in Hutchinson.
2. Commissioner Roberson received a letter from Lynn Allen Maberry Sr. regarding law enforcement issues.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be a meeting of the CDDO task force every Tuesday afternoon.
2. A Community Corrections meeting will be held on March 7, 2007.
3. There will be a meeting of the South Central Coalition for Fair Play in the Harvey County Community Room at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2007.
4. The regular REAP meeting will be held on March 12, 2007.
5. The Aviation meeting will be held on March 19, 2007.
6. The Commissioners have been invited to attend a Farm Bureau Meeting at the Bread Basket on March 19, 2007.
7. The REAP economic development meeting will be held on March 28, 2007 at noon.

The minutes of the February 19, 2007 Commission Meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. A public hearing will be scheduled to answer questions regarding the waste-to-energy project on a Monday evening in the Community Room at the Courthouse.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to sign a letter to Richard Shank of AT&T, thanking them for their generosity in the donation of a generator to Harvey County. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. The Commissioners will write a letter to Marlene Beeson, former CDDO at Northview Developmental Center, thanking her for her continued help with the arrangement of a new CDDO.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve a letter of support for the Health Department for the application of a CDRR grant promoting wellness and a tobacco free environment in Harvey County. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Warrant checks for 2006 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

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A public hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the vacation of a portion of Brown Street, the vacation of Belle Avenue, and laying out a new extension of Custer Street north of Halstead and north of the Little Arkansas River. Those attending the hearing were Wilbert Bud Penner, Eddie Weber, John Weber, Walter Clark, Pat Teach, and Bill Mayfield. Mr. Mayfield spoke against the vacation, stating that if it is being done in order to install a larger pivot irrigation system; we should be trying to have less irrigation, not more. The township would build and minimally maintain the road, but folks do not feel that moving the road will eliminate trash dumping in that area. There was also concern about trees being cut down. Pat Teach is concerned about access to her property from the north, especially during flooding. The public hearing was recessed until next Monday at 1:15 p.m. Phil Adams will be asked to attempt to discern where the actual Custer Street boundaries are. The public hearing ended at 10:48 a.m.

Marianne Eichelberger, Director of the Newton Public Library, addressed the Commission to give the annual report for the Library. The Library currently employs 18 people with 12 of them being full-time employees. There is an average of 2,300 people coming in to the library each week. In partnership with the State of Kansas, a program called Homework Kansas has been implemented. This is an online one-on-one tutoring session to assist 4th grade through college students. The Library is also in the process of implementing a new video-conferencing program. One of the programs that has been very successful is the Enlite Program, which is the delivery of large print books to older citizens.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the consent for annexation of Anderson Avenue north of the Missouri Pacific railroad tracks to north 36th Street. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Marion Rowland, Director of County Parks, and Ray Farquer, Parks maintenance employee, presented a request to trade in a 1992 Dodge Ram Pickup and a 1990 Dodge Ram Pickup and purchase a 2003 Ford Ranger Extended Cab pick-up with mileage of 25, 850. They also requested the purchase of a 2007 Kawasaki 610 Mule 4X4 for \$6,049. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to purchase a 2003 Ford Ranger from Conklin with the 2 trade-ins, and a 2007 Kawasaki with trailer hitch for \$6,161 from Dan's Cycle in Hesston. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Commissioner Roberson briefed the Commission on the mission of the newly formed South Central Coalition for Fair Play, which includes Harvey, Kingman, Cowley, Sedgwick, and Sumner Counties discussing the issue. The purpose is to present a united group from South Central Kansas to the legislators to encourage them to look at the gaming issue with South Central Kansas in mind. Sedgwick County was the first to pass a resolution of support for this coalition. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2007-11**,

which is a Harvey County resolution of support for gaming in South Central Kansas. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:42 p.m. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member