

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 25, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 25, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

Craig Simons added an Executive Session for personnel items at the end of the meeting. An additional Executive Session will be held to attend to legal matters.

CALENDAR:

1. No calendar items were added.

Minutes of the August 18, 2008 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners signed an additional copy of the Interlocal Agreement with City of Newton on the Fairgrounds purchase that was missed signing last week.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel signed the 2008 Roadway Sealing Project contract.
3. Commissioner Roberson moved that they sign the contract agreement between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Harvey County Health Department for Public Health Preparedness & Response, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Prairie View Advisory Committee presented a request for Harvey County to appoint Sherry Buss Rawlins to their board. Westfall moved that they receive the nomination to appoint Sherry Buss Rawlins, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Meeting time for the Dam Breach areas will be September 15, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room.
6. Commissioner Westfall said Ron and Marilyn Nye went out to mow the county ditch at the end of their driveway and found what they believe is thistle so they want Noxious Weeds to look at it before they mow.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Commissioner Krehbiel opened the Citizen's Forum portion of the Commission meeting by reinforcing Resolution No. 1995-31 regarding the Harvey County Policy on Citizens Forum procedures. Frank Spangler expressed concern that the community is getting so many headlines in the *Wichita Eagle*. Richard Schroeder, AAAA Aardvark Bail Bonds, concurred with Mr. Spangler and stated that the Republican Party is split between the Conservatives and Moderates. He has a concern with the bail bond community regarding the fact that the list of bail bond companies and that advertising signs in the Detention Center have been removed. He stated that the Sheriff's office changed the way the rotation for advertising occurred three months after the new administration took office.

Steven Owens, Owens Bonding, explained that the list at the jail has been a source of contention for many, many years. He expressed that the list is over rated and he has no problem with the list. He said the jail runs very efficiently. He stated that there is a list in the jail area for inmates to use as well as a phone book. He explained how he was appointed as Sheriff Wuthnow's treasurer. He stated that all he was asked to do is close out Sheriff Wuthnow's campaign reports.

Art Unruh, Bail Now Bonding, stated that in his opinion there is no doubt that things have changed in the way the bonding is happening in the jail.

Duane Lanier stated that the Republican committee should be embarrassed over what has happened with the Sheriff's race. He contacted an attorney in Wichita who suggested that the commission contact the Kansas Attorney General regarding removing Sheriff Wuthnow from office. He also expressed concern over Sheriff Wuthnow's working as the Sheriff as well as being the licensed electrician for Arlis Electric projects.

Commissioner Westfall asked the bonding group if the Court approves the bondsmen or does the Sheriff. The Court does this.

BJ Tyner, Harvey County Undersheriff, addressed some of the concerns regarding the bonding list. It was a source of great stress in the booking area and held up work. He stated that the Sheriff's department is functioning strong and they have a great crew. He stated that there has been a lot accomplished in the past 15 months and with only 5 months left, the community should be as informed as possible and take all the media information into consideration.

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

Craig Simons reported that when they finished the 2008 budget there were three items that needed to be amended in the General Fund. The first was the building at West Park that was under funded. The second was the Capitol Improvement Fund for the Solid Waste Transfer Station whereby equipment was purchased. The third was the wireless emergency system. The money to cover these three areas comes out of carry over funds. The Public Hearing to amend the 2008 budget was held. No comments were made. Commissioner Roberson moved that they approve the amended budget for 2008, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. The motion passed unanimously.

John Carder, City of Hesston Administrator, presented a map of the current and proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Area for Hesston. The proposed area is a "deteriorated site" and needs a substantial amount of money to make it useable. Dan's Cycle has purchased the site. They have done a lot of dirt work and spent a lot of money on fill dirt. This property is in the city limits as opposed to where their current location is outside the city limits. Commissioner Roberson moved to accept Hesston Resolution 1057 designating certain property located within the City of Hesston, Kansas as classified as a "deteriorated site" under the provisions of the Neighborhood Revitalization Act, K.S.A. 12-17,114, et seq., for purposes of eligibility under the City of Hesston Neighborhood Revitalization Program, seconded by Commissioner Westfall.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberson moved to go into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. for 15 minutes to discuss personnel items, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session ended at 10:50 a.m. with no action being taken. Commissioner Westfall moved that they extend the executive session until 11:05 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive session ended at 11:05 a.m. with no action being taken.

Commissioner Roberson moved to go back into Executive Session with the County Attorney for legal matters for 7 minutes until 11:15 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously. The Executive session ended at 11:11 a.m. with no action being taken. Commissioner Roberson moved that the commission accept the proposal from Mark Sizelove that he pay the county \$500 and that he is responsible for the Elm and peach trees and give a release on everything else pertaining to the condemnation, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Krehbiel adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member