

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 27, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 27, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel attended a meeting of Fire District #5 last week. The District had a difficult time recovering from the expenditure of funds required to fight the large grass fire which occurred near Burrton in 2006. To try to guard against the recurrence of grassfires, they are considering passing burning regulations which will restrict controlled burns.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. May 29 - State Agroforestry Field Day, McPherson County
2. May 29 - 2008 REAP Water Conference, Crosswinds Conference Center, Hesston

Minutes of the May 19, 2008 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commission will hear a presentation for a traffic impact study for Highway 50 through Harvey County.
2. Steve Racoosin, representative of Bio-Gold, is continuing talks with the ICM Company, who is the developer of the Ethanol Plant.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the Breach Impact Study Committee which was appointed to make recommendations on regulations on construction in dam breach areas is moving forward.
4. Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented information on a used Blaw-Knox PF150 Paver which is located in Parkersburg, West Virginia. The paver, which is priced at \$72,500, is a 1989 model that was rebuilt one year ago. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to allow Road & Bridge to purchase the paver at the listed price plus transportation costs. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Eric & Jim Runyan, residents who live on Chisholm Lane, asked if anything further had been decided regarding the maintenance of the road. There is a dispute between the neighbors who live on the Lane as to who should pay for the maintenance of the road, which is in bad need of repair. A petition has been filed in the Clerk's Office to form a benefit district to pay for the repairs to the road.

Greg Nye, County Counselor, reported that Judge Lyle has set a hearing date of June 25 to hear arguments in the case involving the appraisal of condemned property for the construction of two bridges on Ridge Road.

Bob Cheney, Director of Noxious Weed, presented the proposed 2009 Noxious Weed budget. The budget contains increases for chemical supplies and fuel supplies, and a slight increase in other supplies. There is also a capital outlay request of \$29,000 for the purchase of a new truck. The proposed budget reflects an overall increase of approximately 12%. The Commission will take the budget under advisement.

John Waltner presented the proposed 2009 County Commission budget. The budget does not contain any major changes from 2008 and reflects an increase of approximately 1.3%. The Commission will take the budget under advisement.

Mr. Waltner also presented the proposed 2009 County Administration budget. The most significant increase in the budget is in the area of employee fringe benefits, which contains an 8.5% increase. The Commission will take the budget under advisement.

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

Employee substance abuse policy procedures were presented to the Commissioners. After review, the Commissioners accepted the policy as presented.

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

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member