

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

**September 8, 2008**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 8, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall received a request from Keith DeHaven, Mayor of Sedgwick, to borrow some equipment from the County to do some work on the east side of Sedgwick. The Road & Bridge Department was able to help the City with this work and Mayor DeHaven and the City of Sedgwick are very appreciative.
2. Joyce Truskett, County Clerk, presented a request from Kathy Wiebe, Whitewater City Clerk, to amend the Resolution which established the Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District. The resolution states that the Fire District Board be made up of at least one member from the Whitewater City Council. They would like to amend the resolution to read that a Council member could appoint a designated person to serve in his or her place. The Commission is amenable to this request and will take action when a written request is received along with an excerpt of the city council minutes approving the change.
3. Commissioner Roberson observed that the Builders Concrete facility on South Kansas Ave is starting to look abandoned and overgrown. The Commission approval of this facility was made with the understanding that the property would be kept neat and clean.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel informed the Commission that the site preparation for the new building at West Park has begun.
5. Commissioner Westfall was at East Park on Labor Day weekend and reported that the park was very full. Commissioner Krehbiel observed West Park was full also.

**CALENDAR:**

1. The meeting of the dam breach area committee will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 22 instead of September 15.
2. The annual Chamber of Commerce dinner will be held at Grace Community Church on September 25 at 7:00 p.m. with the social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. All three commissioners and their spouses will attend.
3. The Commission will appoint voting delegates next week for the KWORK meeting held during the KAC meeting on Monday, November 17.
4. There will be no County Commission Meeting on November 17 so the Commissioners can attend the KAC meeting.
5. There will be a Council of Governments meeting on September 17.

Minutes of the August 25, 2008 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to appoint Sherri Buss Rawlins as a member of the Community Mental Health Advisory Committee and to waive the second reading and appoint Ron Krehbiel to the Harvey/McPherson Counties Juvenile Community Corrections Advisory Board. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. The closing on the property purchased for the development of the fairgrounds has been held. The easement for the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company will be narrowed down from a blanket easement to 50 feet to the North and 50 feet to the south of the pipeline. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the new easement, as defined, with Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Lonnie Buller, Emergency Management Director, presented a contract between the Commission and AMEC to pursue a state-funded mitigation plan for Harvey County. Payment for the plan, which will be state funded, will not be made in total until the contract has been approved by the State. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the mitigation plan proposal for Harvey County. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. Lonnie also updated the Commission on the construction of a trailer for the donated generator. He will receive the final cost estimate soon and it is estimated that the trailer will take approximately 60 days to complete.
5. Craig Simons attended a meeting held in North Newton with FEMA representatives concerning the new flood maps. Garber Surveying representatives were also in attendance. Although Garber showed the FEMA representatives where the elevations used for the new maps were off, FEMA said that their elevations can be off by up to 5 feet either way. Craig suggested that the best thing the County can do is to file a protest and request a special study of western Harvey County. Although Harvey County had requested an extension of the 30 day protest period to 90 days, FEMA granted only a 30-day extension. September 30 is the official start of the 30 day protest period. The final flood maps will be received at the end of 2009 and the County will have six months to approve them. FEMA recommended that landowners affected by the new maps buy flood insurance. If their land is not included in the final flood maps, then their money will be refunded. The earlier landowners purchase flood insurance, the better chance they have of securing a lower premium. The landowners can use a loma or lomar process to be out of the floodplain.
6. Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, presented the budget and carryover for Community Corrections. The budget is revised because the McPherson County Commission voted to remove the Community Corrections employees from the payscale of the Office of Judicial

Administration. The employees are on the same pay scale as other McPherson County employees. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the carryover reimbursement plan summary and also the 2009 current resource budget. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Steve Owens from Owens Bail Bonding attended the meeting to answer any questions the Commission might have with regard to the issues raised during Citizen's Forum during last week's Commission meeting.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve warrant checks for the past two weeks and the primary election payroll. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:20 p.m. Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented a new violation fee schedule that has been recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board. They are as follows:

	<u>New or Relocated Principal Buildings</u>	<u>Additions to Structures or Accessory Buildings</u>
1st Offense	\$250	\$100
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	300	150
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	400	250
4 <sup>th</sup> Offense	600	500

The old fees were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	\$150	\$75
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	200	75
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	300	200
4 <sup>th</sup> Offense	400	400

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the zoning fee changes. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously

Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented specifications for the purchase of two new trucks for the Road & Bridge Department. The specifications are for a ¾ ton and a ¾ ton 4X4 pickup. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the specifications as presented. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session at 2:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters for a period of 30 minutes. Also in attendance for the session were Grey Nye, Harvey County Counselor; Linda Kientz, Personnel Director, and John Waltner. Session ended at 3:00 p.m. with no action being taken. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to extend the executive session for another 15 minutes until 2:45 p.m. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The same people were in attendance. Executive session ended at 2:45 p.m. with no action being taken. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to extend the session for a period of 15 minutes until 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Westfall seconded

the motion and it was passed unanimously. The same people were in attendance. Executive session ended at 3:00 p.m. with no action being taken.

Commissioner Roberson moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was 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