

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 9, 2009

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 9, 2009 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m following the REAP meeting.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel received a complaint at the Township meeting regarding the railroad crossing on Ridge Road just south of Highway 50. The crossing is sharply elevated creating a large bump. Craig Simons will talk to Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel is concerned about the erosion behind the old shelter house at West Park. Craig stated that Phil Adams has looked at that and didn't see the need for any repairs at this time.
3. Commissioner Westfall said that Progressive Farmer Magazine has named Harvey County as the fourth best area in the nation to raise a farm family.
4. Commissioner Westfall has looked at the upgrades made by the County to Chisholm Lane south of Newton. Darlington Township is scheduled to take over the maintenance of the road. The County installed a hammerhead as a turn around at the end of the road. The minutes of a public hearing about upgrading Chisholm Lane at a County Commission meeting indicated a cul-de-sac would be installed as part of the project. The County Administrator pointed out that a full cul-de-sac would occupy a large portion of a front yard on the west side of the road.
5. Commissioner Krehbiel asked Sheriff T. Walton if he would check to see if all equipment involved with the emergency vehicle permit for the former sheriff's private vehicle had been returned.
6. After an inquiry at the township dinner last week, Commissioner Roberson asked about how the road impact fees are charged and used. There is concern that the fees could be unfair in certain circumstances where more than one resident pay an impact fee for the same road.
7. Commissioner Roberson also asked about a complaint received at the township meeting with regard to the signposts used in the County. They are easily damaged or destroyed by the wind. Phil Adams is aware of the complaint.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The March REAP meeting will be held on March 2 in Goddard.
2. The Council of Governments Meeting will be Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 a.m. at the Breadbasket.
3. The Fairgrounds Development Committee meeting scheduled for February 17 will be rescheduled to March.

Minutes of the February 2, 2009 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Upon a recommendation by Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to extend the existing burn ban for another week. Also included in the motion is the authority for Mr. Buller to cancel the ban, weather permitting. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Buller also reported that the trailer that has been built for the donated generator is almost finished. The electrical system needs to be altered, and Martin Machine is completing the electrical changes.
3. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2009-5**, reconfirming support for the qualifying regional strategic plan and requesting that the secretary of commerce and housing reapprove the county of Harvey as a Kansas Enterprise Zone designated non-metropolitan business region. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. Craig presented a letter from Sizemore, Burns & Gillmore, P.A., on behalf of Northview Developmental Services, Inc., requesting that Harvey County quit claim 15 feet of property north of the administration building. Greg Nye, County Counselor, will review the easement and quit claim and the Commission will take action later in the meeting.

CITIZENS FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

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

Roy Patton, Solid Waste Director, presented the update to the Harvey County Regional Solid Waste five-year plan. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the updated Five-year Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Patton also explained a program that he has been working on to promote the correct disposal of pharmaceuticals. Many people flush them down the sewer and it becomes a contaminant. Proper disposal would be to take them to the Transfer Station where they are disposed of properly.

After review of the requested easement and quit claim with Northview Developmental Services, Inc. by Counselor Greg Nye, Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the easement and quit claim. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session at 12:00 p.m. for a period of 30 minutes to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Counselor Greg Nye, Roy Patton, and John Waltner were also in attendance. At 12:35 p.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to extend the session for another five minutes. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 12:40 p.m. with no action being taken.

Chairman Roberson adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

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Marge Roberson, Chairman

ATTEST:

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Ron Krehbiel, Member