

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

**February 17, 2009**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 17, 2009 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall asked to see the final audit that was performed at the Sheriff's Department. Only the draft audit was distributed to the Commissioners, as the final audit has not been released.
2. Commissioner Westfall received a census form to return information on the counting of homeless citizens for the 2010 census.
3. There continues to be talk about the road impact fee among the townships. The impact fee can be used for road repairs within two miles of the person's house who pays the fee. The Commission believes it would be helpful if the townships received more information on the rules and regulations of the impact fee.
4. Commissioner Westfall discussed the railroad crossing on Ridge road south of Highway 50. There is a significant bump at the crossing. Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, is attempting to get the Railroad to fix the crossing.
5. Chairman Roberson gave the Commission an update on what was discussed at the Public/Private Partnership meeting last week.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

There were no additional calendar items.

Minutes of the February 9, 2009 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. As had been requested by Darlington Township, Road and Bridge replaced culverts at two houses on Chisholm Lane. The County will add up the expenses to upgrade the road and divide it by the number of residences to determine the cost for each property owner.
2. The bridge over Sand Creek near Centennial Park can be moved up on the list of federally funded five-year bridge projects if the plans can be finalized. The bridge has been deemed unsafe and is now closed.
3. Craig Simons presented a letter from James Gillmore, Attorney, requesting that the entire 1.406 acre tract be quit-claimed to Northview rather than a 15 ft. strip that was quit-claimed at the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. There is a discrepancy in the legal description. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to amend the quit-claim that was approved on February 9<sup>th</sup>, changing exhibit A to 1.406 acres rather than a 15 ft strip. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed

unanimously.

**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.

The Commission recessed for a short break at 9:45 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Roberson turned the meeting over to Commissioner Westfall, Vice-Chair, to chair the opening of the bids for the purchase of a new or used late model Road Grader. One of Chairman Roberson’s relatives was bidding on the grader. Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, opened the bids which are as follows:

Murphey	John Deere 770	\$203,421
Van Keppel	Volvo G130 8-speed	160,639
	Volvo 11-speed	165,398
Victor L Phillips	Case 865	175,788
Berry Tractor	Komatsu GD655	164,737
	Komatsu GD655 Demo (2008)	156,745
Foley	Cat 140M	201,470.39
	Cat 12 M (2009)	184,999.02

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the bids and have Phil Adams review them and then report back to the Commission at 11:00 a.m. next week. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Roy Patton, Superintendent of Solid Waste, opened bids for the purchase of a used wheel loader. He stated that the bid specs listed for all service and fill capacities were incorrect and would therefore be disregarded in the bid award. The bids received are as follows:

		<u>Trade-in Allowed</u>	<u>Net Bid</u>
Sellers Equipment			
2007 JCB w/425 hours	\$153,470	\$15,500	\$137,970
Victor L Phillips			
2008 Case 721E w/455 Hrs	135,576	13,200	122,376
Van Keppel			
2007 Volvo L90F w/500 Hrs	167,912	15,000	152,912
(Has extra equipment not specified)			
Van Keppel			
2009 Volvo L90F (New)	162,981	15,000	147,981
Foley Tractor			

2008 Cat 938G2 w/502 Hrs	154,117.75	6,000	148,117.75
2008 Cat 938H w/10 Hrs	167,660.50	6,000	148,117.75
Berry Tractor			
2008 Komatsu w/85 Hrs (Demo)	141,927	9,000	132,927

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the bids and allow Roy Patton to review them and report back next week at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall returned the chairmanship of the meeting to Commissioner Roberson.

At 10:30 a.m. T. Walton, Sheriff, opened bids for six Sheriff's Vehicles. The bids are as follows:

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Trade In</u>	<u>Net Bid</u>
Don Hatton Chevrolet			
(6) Chevrolet Impalas	131,607	12,075	119,532
Conklin Cars			
(6) Chevrolet Impalas	136,793	15,000	121,793

Sheriff Walton will check the bids to make sure they meet specs and report back to the Commission later today.

Sharon Arellano reported on the development of the new County Website. Out of 22 Departments only five have been trained as to how to publish the information for each department. The Health Department page has been completed. The website will include a page for "Harvey County most wanted"; a ticketing system where citizens can report problems such as potholes, etc.; polls can be taken; and forums will be available. Calendaring will be done by each department and each department will be responsible for maintaining their own data. Commissioner Krehbiel asked about placing Crimestoppers on the site also. The website will be live once all the departments have prepared their area of the site.

Craig Simons presented the goals and objectives for 2009 & 2010 for Harvey County. Some goals that the Commission is committed to are as follows:

1. Economic Development
2. New Website
3. Planning the new fairgrounds
4. Alternate disposal of solid waste rather than landfilling
5. Green Initiatives
6. Community wide Health and Wellness

Commissioner Westfall said that maintaining our infrastructure in a time of budget cuts from the State could become a significant issue.

It was also suggested that the fairgrounds might need to be marketed as an entertainment venue. There is a chance that several offices currently being housed by Harvey County could be located at the new Fairgrounds if it is properly planned. Craig Simons stated that we need to see what is going to happen with healthcare at the federal level.

Although Harvey County is financially healthy at this time, each department needs to search for ways to cut costs as a proactive measure. Commissioner Westfall stated that it is important for all department heads and employees to communicate with the Commission with regard to ideas and what some of the other counties are doing to offset revenue cuts. Commissioner Krehbiel suggested freezing wages rather than employee layoffs, if it becomes necessary. Commissioner Westfall suggested re-evaluating the membership of organizations and checking to make sure that current subscriptions are really necessary.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m.

After the meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m., Todd Hanchett, Harvey County Undersheriff, recommended that the Commission approve the bid from Don Hattan Chevrolet for six vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the bid from Don Hattan Chevrolet to purchase six Chevy Impala vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, recommended that the Commission extend the burn ban in Harvey County for another week. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to extend the burn ban for another week until Tuesday, February 24, and also give Mr. Buller authority to cancel the ban if conditions warrant. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Chairman Roberson adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

#### BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Marge Roberson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

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Ron Krehbiel, Member