

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 22, 2013

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 22, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he participated in a conference call meeting of the Central Kansas Regional Solid Waste Authority last Wednesday. They voted to present a request to each of the three counties involved to pay \$200 to enable the group to continue to function.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the new building at West Park has no storage area for the tables and chairs. They are currently stacked next to one of the walls in the building. This takes up space in the facility and also presents a liability issue, especially for children playing around the equipment. Discussion was held to determine what options might be available to provide a storage space for the equipment.
3. Commissioner Westfall asked if Harvey County was participating in the national drug disposal day. Sheriff T Walton reported that expired and unused prescription drugs can be brought to the Sheriff's Office from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 27th.
4. The Commissioners received information regarding an audit of the South Central Kansas Economic Development District performed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Progress has now been delayed on all SCKEDD projects. Keith DeHaven continues as the appointed Harvey County representative to SCKEDD.
5. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that Clean Line Energy, who is in the process of laying a direct current line through the State of Kansas, is having difficulty obtaining permission from land owners along the route. The original proposed route passed through Harvey County, however, an alternate route that passes north of Harvey County was chosen instead.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The annual RSVP banquet will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church on Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes of the April 15 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Gina Bell, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented several recommendations for reappointment to the Harvey County Regional Planning Commission.

- Recommended for reappointment were Larry Goering, Clifford Kirk, Dorothy Thiessen, Bonnie Wendling, Harlan Foraker, and Wayne Alison. A recommendation for the appointment of Teresa Thach as a new member of the board was also heard. Discussion was held regarding the size of the board, how the board members are selected according to district, and the difficulty of finding people willing to serve on the board. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the reappointment of the six listed members, to waive the second week's reading and appoint Teresa Thach to the Regional Planning Commission, and authorize the Chairman to sign the appointments. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Counselor Greg Nye presented a correction of county records for a cell phone tower that was incorrectly assessed. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve an order to correct county records and a petition to correct county records regarding the 2002 assessment of a cell phone tower. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 3. Elizabeth Schmidt, Director of the Harvey/Marion County CDDO, presented **Resolution No. 2013-9**, an affirmation of joint resolution, encouraging the Governor of the State of Kansas to carefully consider any changes in the Medicaid or health care provisions for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The changes eliminate the service delivery system through the local CDDO and replace it with the KanCare system, which uses service providers that are not local and are many times out of state. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Hague seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 4. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he received a letter from the Kansas Department of Agriculture, informing him that they will be in Harvey County to read meters on irrigation equipment in rural areas of the county. They anticipate that there could be some resistance from farmers. The letter was to inform the Sheriff's Department that there may be situations where they may need to intervene. Sheriff Walton also reported that the jail population is now 136, with 89 of the inmates requiring medication of some type. This has created a problem with adequate staffing to administer the medication.
 5. Counselor Greg Nye reported that a new judge has been selected and appointed to the 9th Judicial District. Governor Brownback appointed John Klenda from McPherson to fill the open position. The other two finalists were Bill Mills from McPherson, and Marilyn Wilder of Newton.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$98,772.42 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

John reported that the memorial service for the husband of Bette Rhine, former Deputy Clerk, will be held on May 3 at 3:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Community Church.

John reported that the Planning & Zoning Department received a request from a gentleman in Dodge City who wants to possibly expand horse racing at a small race track located south of Halstead.

Extension Council Agents Scott Eckert, Horticulture; Ann Religa, 4-H; Susan Jackson, Family and Consumer Sciences; and Ryan Flaming, Agriculture, presented a summation report of the activities of each of the extension units in the past year. It was also reported that Glenda Priebe, Extension Office staff member, will be recognized this Wednesday at Kansas State University for 35 years of service in the Extension Office.

Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, and Jim Ubert, Engineer from Poe & Associates, opened bids for the Harvey County 2013 bituminous overlay project which includes 6.1 miles of South Hertzler Road and .87 miles of West Dutch Avenue through Hesston. Bid invitations were sent to three companies, Cornejo, LaFarge, and APAC. The bid invitation specified that the bid for the overlay be submitted in two ways, with a shingle mix additive and without. Two bids were received and are as follows:

	<u>Without Shingle Mix</u>	<u>With Shingle Mix</u>
<u>APAC</u>		
Hertzler Road	\$ 707,833.83	
West Dutch Avenue	<u>238,979.35</u>	
Total	\$ 946,813.18	
Project Begin Date:	June 1	
<u>Cornejo</u>		
Hertzler Road	\$ 717,452.00	\$ 708,116.00
West Dutch Avenue	<u>272,392.75</u>	<u>269,840.05</u>
Total	\$ 989,844.75	\$ 977,956.05
Project Begin Date:	July 8	
<u>Engineer's Estimate</u>		
Hertzler Road	\$ 798,588.00	\$ 779,916.00
West Dutch Avenue	<u>554,740.50</u>	<u>549,635.10</u>
Total	\$ 1,353,328.50	\$ 1,329,551.10

All bids included the required 5% bid bond. Discussion was held on the use of the shingles additive and whether they extended the life of the road. Although reported test results indicate it does, there is no first hand knowledge of it. All bids were below the engineer's estimate. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the bid from APAC without shingle mix in the amount of \$946,813.18. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. T.J. Pastor, representative from APAC, attended the bid opening.

Jim presented the results of a Road and Bridge traffic study for the intersection of SE 24th and South Oliver, which is an uncontrolled intersection. The study was done in response to a citizen's complaint of limited visibility for westbound and northbound traffic due to some cedar trees near the intersection. Jim proposed placing stop signs at the intersection for eastbound and westbound

traffic on 24th Street. The Commissioners suggested that property owners within a mile of the intersection and officers of the township be notified of the problems and proposed signage at the intersection. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the placement of stop signs at the intersection as recommended and contact the township board and property owners informing them that a traffic study has been done and stop signs will be placed there. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jim presented the results of a Road and Bridge traffic study for the intersection of SW 72nd and South Emma Creek Road, which is controlled by yield signs on Emma Creek. The study was done in response to a citizen's concern about the use of yield signs rather than stop signs when there is such limited visibility at the intersection. Jim proposed removing the yield signs and placing stop signs at the intersection for northbound and southbound traffic on Emma Creek. He also recommended the placement of a "stop ahead" sign for northbound traffic on Emma Creek Road because of the alignment of the road south of the intersection. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the recommendation for signage at the intersection. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

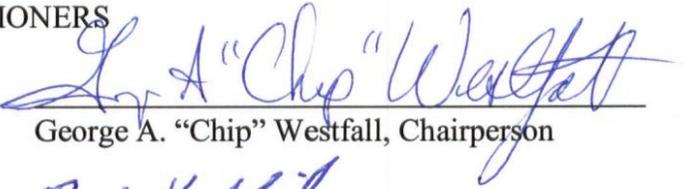
Jim presented a request to purchase a used tank truck which is located in Sulphur, LA. The truck is a 1999 Sterling that has been outfitted with a new tank for an asking price of \$49,000. Pictures of the truck were viewed in addition to pictures of the current tank truck used by the Road & Bridge Department. Commissioner Hague made a motion to authorize Jim Meier to make the necessary checks on the VIN number and if all information is favorable, purchase the truck for an amount not to exceed \$45,000. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, updated the Commissioners about the progress of the Integrated Community Health Collaboration, which includes the co-location of Prairie View, Health Ministries, and the Health Department at 215 S Pine in Newton. The estimated cost of the renovation of the facility is \$392,000 and \$170,000 of that funding has now been raised. The Mabee Foundation has committed \$75,000 to the project on the condition that other funding ceilings are met. Lynnette reported that a service delivery team has met and discussed the services that each entity will be providing. Representatives from each entity have been visiting the other entities to get a better understanding of what services they provide and how each unit functions. It is projected that the facility will open some time in 2014 and the Health Department will locate there at that time. The state is holding summits about collaboration and has requested that representatives from this collaboration be in attendance. On a national level, the CDC and the Health Resources and Services Administration are also looking at the integration of public health.

Lynnette also presented a report brief on Primary Care and Public Health from the Institute of Medicine.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson


Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk


Randy Hague, Member

