

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

**February 19, 2013**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 19, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall attended a South Central Kansas REAP meeting with the legislators last Wednesday in Topeka. There was very little discussion about important issues such as water, air fares, or Work Force Alliance funding. .
2. Commissioner Westfall informed Sheriff T. Walton that there is a bill pending before the legislature that would require counties to administer and pay additional expenses following certain arrests. More research needs to be done to see what the bill will require and how it will apply to counties.
3. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the bids for sheriff's vehicles have been reviewed and it was confirmed that all bid specifications have been met.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The REAP legislative committee meeting will be held on Friday, February 22.
2. The Quad County meeting will be held Monday, March 18 in Reno County. Chairman Westfall suggested that Lonnie Buller and Courtney Becker might want to attend since the State Emergency Dispatch Center on the Hutchinson Community College campus will be featured.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel will meet with the Judicial Nominating Committee on Friday, February 22 in McPherson to appoint someone to fill the judge's position vacated by the recent death of Judge Anderson.
4. There will be a Prairie View Advisory Board meeting held on April 4.
5. The annual RSVP Recognition Banquet will be held on April 23 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Minutes of the February 11, 2013 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John reminded the Commissioners that the Valentine's Day dinner will be held at the Parish Hall in Halstead this Saturday, February 23.
2. Mary Spires, RSVP Coordinator, presented the first reading of a recommendation for the appointment of Ronald Bretz to the Harvey County RSVP Board. The Board will review the application and the second reading will be heard next week.
3. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, reported that he attended the Midwest Regional Public Finance Conference last week. He explained three

booklets of information from the conference that he provided to the Commissioners. The booklets are the Demographic & Taxation Report for 2011-12 written by Dennis Kriesel, Senior Policy Analyst for the Kansas Association of Counties; a Tax-Base Policy Evaluation Guide written by the Kansas Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations; and a copy of a power-point presentation, Kansas Tax Policy Shakeup, by Chris W. Courtwright, Chief Economist with the Kansas Legislature.

4. Information was presented to the commissioners about the cost of possibly converting from paper to electronic information packets for the Commissioners.
5. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported to the Commissioners that the John Deere tractor the department uses for mowing needs repaired or replaced. Repair of the unit, which has 8,500 hours on it, is very expensive and not practical. The tractor was scheduled for replacement in 2014, but Mr. Meier requested that he be allowed to purchase a used tractor before the mowing season starts in April. To offset the cost of the tractor, he proposes that the John Deere tractor and a 1991 Deutz-Allis 9170 tractor, that is very seldom used, be sold. There is also a 1992 water truck that has continued to deteriorate and now leaks profusely. This was also not scheduled for replacement until 2014, but will now need to be replaced sooner. The Commissioners requested that Jim obtain replacement costs for both units and come back before the Commission.
6. Jim reported that the grading of East Lake Road has gone well. They are adding some rock, sand, and cohesive material to the road. The Department is also busy attaching spreaders and blades to equipment and spraying brine on roads in preparation for the predicted snow and ice storm this week.
7. Sheriff Walton reported that the federal inmate per diem review is due in March. He has been working with Anthony on this and would like to increase the amount \$10 per day. He would also like to increase the Department of Corrections fee to match that. It is currently \$55.00 per day.
8. Byron Warta reported that last year there was a rural fire department in the Flint Hills that ran out of water fighting a range fire. They went to a pond and refilled their tank and used the water to extinguish the fire. The equipment was then stored without being cleaned and the next time they tried to use it, the pumps would not pump because of zebra mussels. The KWA is now encouraging rural fire departments to make sure their equipment is cleaned after use, especially if outside water is used. He also reported that the KWA is continuing to try to make preparations for water shortages in the continuation of drought conditions this summer. There are ten small towns and rural water districts who have only one well and the well is now in jeopardy. Byron also reported that a pre-construction meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21 to begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the runway replacement at the Newton City/County Airport.
9. Counselor Greg Nye presented the Commissioners with a copy of the dismissal of a court case between Newton Medical Management, Inc. and Harvey County because of a misstated valuation.

10. The Commissioners received a letter from Doug Entz, Richland Township Trustee, stating that the township is in favor of permanently vacating the entire mile of South Osage Road between the crossroads of SE 84<sup>th</sup> and SE 96<sup>th</sup>. The township also contacted Milton Township in Butler County because the road is a border between the counties. Milton Township is also in favor of vacating the road.
11. The Commissioners received notification of the building permits granted during the month of January by the Emergency Planning & Zoning Department.
12. The Commissioners received information from Emergency Management concerning a map amendment on property owned by Wiggers that is located south of 48<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$96,268.36 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 10:00 a.m. for a 15 minute break.

Kass Miller, East Park Supervisor, presented **Resolution No. 2013-8**, setting fees in the Harvey County Parks as of February 25, 2013. Included in the resolution are increases in fees for camping in the rough and camping electricity charges. Commissioner Hague made a motion to accept the resolution as printed. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Director of the Harvey County EDC, made a presentation about the EDC and the progress of the Logistics Park. A new logo for the EDC has been developed that better represents how the County and City will be marketed. She reviewed the current opportunities and the events where the EDC will be marketing the KLP. Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, the EDC has worked with five companies outside the county. Commissioner Westfall asked about how the smaller communities in the county are being marketed. Mickey explained several projects that are in process. In answer to a question asked by Commissioner Krehbiel, Ms. Dean said that nothing new has been heard from the New Millenium Company, who had planned to locate at the KLP. Commissioner Westfall suggested that the County should work with the NIAR company that is locating at the Coliseum building.

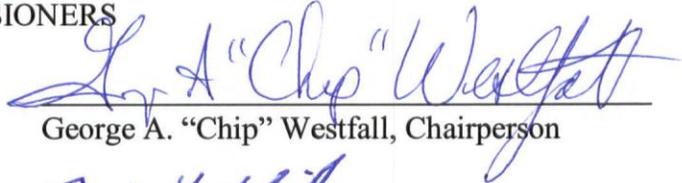
At 11:10 Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss trade secrets and confidentiality. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. In addition to the three commissioners, John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, Joyce Truskett, and Mickey Fornaro-Dean were in attendance for the session. Executive session ended at 11:25 a.m. with no action being taken.

At 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 5 minutes to discuss attorney client privilege. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony

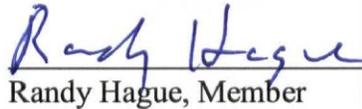
Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 11:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

  
Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

