

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

**January 28, 2013**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 28, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioners Westfall and Hague attended a KAC Legislative Reception last week. It was said that the three biggest issues facing the legislature are education funding, judicial selection, and paying for the deficit while reducing taxes. It was also reported that there may be a surcharge on income tax for two years.
2. Commissioner Westfall explained HB 2047 which will require taxing entities to publish a notice if the valuation or mill levy increases from one year to the next. Publication costs could be significant.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel will meet with farmers and law enforcement officials at 12:20 p.m. today to discuss copper thefts in the area.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend a meeting of the Eagle Drainage District in Bentley on Thursday, January 31 at 7:30 p.m.
3. The Chamber of Commerce will hold two legislative receptions with the three area legislators, one on February 9 and the other on April 13.
4. The State Register of Deeds Conference will be held at the Meridian Center on February 5-7. Commissioner Westfall and John Waltner will provide the welcome on February 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the January 22, 2013 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner requested a brief executive session at the end of the meeting today.
2. The kick-off event for the Sustainable Communities Grant will be held at the National Center for Aviation Training in Wichita on Friday, February 1 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. There will be a breakfast at 7:30 a.m. prior to the meeting.
3. The Commissioners received an update from lobbyist, Bernie Koch.
4. John reported that he and Anthony Swartzendruber participated in a bond rating call that seemed to go very well. The information on the bond rating will be available on Wednesday, January 30.
5. The second reading for the appointment of Phil Kimerer to the Planning and Zoning Board was heard. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Kimerer to the board. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The term will expire on March 22, 2015.

6. Discussion was held regarding open records requests and charges for them. There has been an open records request to the GIS Department for platting information.
7. The Commissioners received a copy of a letter from the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources, that a stream obstruction has been constructed in and across Kisiwa Creek on property owned by Benjamin and Diane Berkheimer.
8. The Commissioners received a copy of legal notice expenses for the years 2010, 2011, and 2012.
9. The Commissioners received a copy of Harvey County revenues and expenditures for the 4th quarter of 2012. This will be published as required.

### **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Leo Stahly commented about an article in the Newton Kansan that reported on the request by the State of Kansas that Harvey County take over the maintenance of the road and bridge on K89 from Highway 50 south to Halstead. At the Commission meeting last week, the Commissioners declined the offer because they felt that it was another attempt of the State to hand down their financial responsibilities to counties and municipalities. Mr. Stahly compared that situation to the past issue of Chisholm Lane in Darlington Township. He stated that the County forced the maintenance of that road onto the Township. Mr. Stahly also asked if the County is receiving taxes from the Idaho Timber building in Halstead. Joyce Truskett reported that the taxes are paid and current.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$77,851.68 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$6,875.75 for the week of January 24 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony presented the bid tabulation for the purchase and installation of a new phone and voicemail system. Two bids were received, one from Inside Connection Communications, and the other from Great Plains Communications. Each bid was itemized and comparisons for both equipment and labor were made. Commissioner Hague made a motion to accept and approve the bid from Inside Connection Communications. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The new system will be installed on a weekend so there will be very little down time for employees.

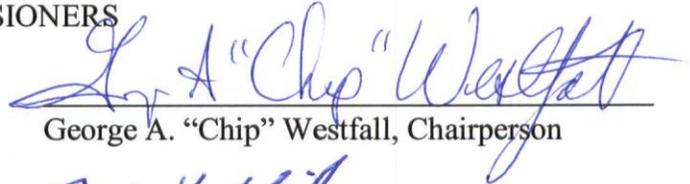
Anthony presented the 2012 year end report of revenues and expenditures for Harvey County. He reviewed each of the funds and explained the differences between what was budgeted and the final figures.

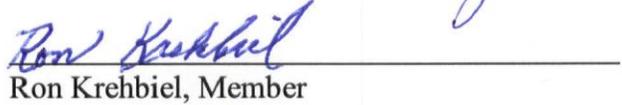
At 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss attorney client privilege. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Craig Clough, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 12:10 p.m. with no action being taken.

The commission recessed at 11:10 to view the new bike route signage that has been installed on certain roads in the county.

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

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

  
Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

