

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 1, 2013

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 1, 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 received a letter from Janet Cagle, Director of the Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, stating that there will be a funding reduction of 5% from the State of Kansas for the Community Corrections program.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, will present options for street upgrades within the City of Walton to the Walton City Commissioners at their meeting tonight. Commissioner Westfall will also attend.
2. There will be a special budget meeting held on July 16 beginning at 8:00 a.m.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel will meet with Jaci Reimer, Sedgwick City Administrator, J. R. Hatfield, Halstead City Manager, and John Carder, Hesston City Manager, to discuss issues affecting their cities.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend the Prairie View Advisory Board meeting on August 1.

Minutes of the June 24 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. New signs on all Courthouse doors are being posted to reflect the change in the law that allows concealed carry of firearms in the Courthouse as of July 1st. The old signs restricting concealed carry are in the process of being removed.
2. The Commission received a memo from Judge Richard Walker, chief judge of the 9th Judicial District, stating that, effective today, the judges of that district will determine if and when to allow guns in their courtrooms.
3. John Waltner reported that he and Anthony Swartzendruber participated in a conference call last week with Doug King, designer of a waste-to-energy system, and Marcus McClelland, representative of a company that finances these systems. Although Harvey County is interested in the project, the generation of municipal solid waste required to run the system is lower than what the system is designed for. There is apparently some technology now that would require lesser amounts. There is a project in the beginning phases in Independence, Missouri where they are in the process of obtaining permits.
4. With regard to the map project in the capitol building in Topeka, Scott Eckert is going to see if the 4-H kids can assist with the project.
5. Joyce Stockham, Executive Director for the Mid-Kansas Community Action

Program, presented a copy of an application for an emergency shelter grant. The funds the group already receives from Harvey County will provide a match for the emergency shelter grant. The grant is to help people stay in their homes and prevent homelessness. It would provide mortgage assistance for a couple of months and the recipient would be able to access all services of Mid-KCap and affiliating agencies. In Harvey County, 11% of the population is living in poverty. Since 2011, calls about homelessness have increased by 50%. Ms. Stockham explained how the grant funds will be used. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

6. Jan Jones, Director of the Harvey County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Task Force, presented a grant application for prevention of homelessness. This is an application for funding that will be dispersed through the County and then directed to clients. The grant will begin on September 1 and be in effect for one year. The grant will enable funding for clerical help and the upgrade of equipment to manage the program. They currently work with 137 families which includes 122 children. The grant would allow \$11,613 for the prevention of homelessness and \$9,137 for the clerical assistance and equipment upgrades. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the grant application and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Jim Meier reported that Jim Thomas is a new employee at the Road & Bridge Department. He also reported that patching continues on South Hertzler Road.
8. Sheriff T. Walton reported that last week was a difficult week for the Department.
9. Byron Warta reported that the third phase of the runway reconstruction project continues on schedule. They hope to begin pouring concrete on July 8. He also attended a meeting where he heard the chief engineer for the Department of Water Resources speak. He stated that there is very slow recovery of water because of the drought in the western half of Kansas. The Quivira Refuge in Stafford County has filed a lawsuit against the Department of Water Resources because there are so many irrigation wells that are diverting water from reaching the wetlands and marshes in the refuge
10. Anthony reported that the Solid Waste Department continues to have issues with the walking floor trailers that are used to transfer solid waste to Reno County. There has been an effort to get them repaired, but the trailers need to be replaced. The Wilkens Company has informed Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, that a trailer can be built and completed by the middle of September for a cost of \$63,921.70. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the walking floor trailer, and authorize a prepayment of 10% down in order for the construction of the trailer to begin. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$74,979.23 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Lori Peterson, sales consultant for Consolidated Correctional Foodservice, presented a proposal to provide meals for the detention center inmates. This includes providing staff for ordering and preparation and the usage of additional inmate labor. The cost per meal for each inmate, assuming that the jail population runs from 105 to 114, is \$1.24 per meal. The Commissioners will take the proposal under advisement. .

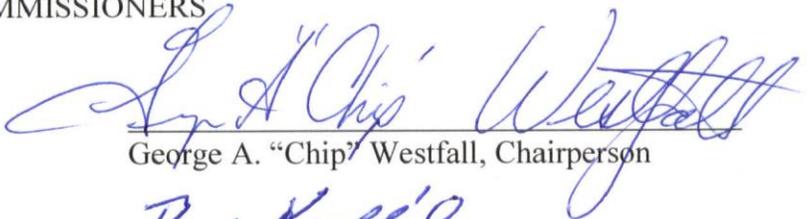
Art Rose, representative with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, presented a proposal to provide inmate medical care services for the Detention Center. Option 1 includes nurse staffing of an LPN 12 hours per day, 7 days a week, 2 med passes per day, and physician services one day per week, with 24 hours on call. Option 2 includes nurse staffing of an RN 60 hours per week with one med pass per day, and the same physician services as Option 1. Option 1 is at a cost of \$212,965.60 annually and Option 2 is at a cost of \$202,435.20 annually. The Commissioners will take the proposal under advisement.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:53 a.m.

Following lunch, Anthony gave an overview of the budget and five year capital improvement projects submitted by department heads. He also reviewed the additional staffing proposals submitted. Discussion was held with regard to the major expenditures and their possible effect on the mill levy.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

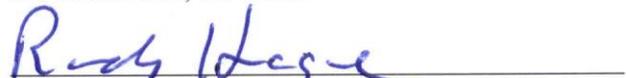
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