

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 8, 2013

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 8, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that a tree fell over last Friday at West Park and destroyed a camper.
2. Following a meeting with the city administrators of Sedgwick, Halstead and Hesston, Commissioner Krehbiel reported that J. R. Hatfield of Halstead asked that he be informed of any changes with the Halstead Hospital building. Jaci Reimer of Sedgwick continues to pursue the possible annexation to Harvey County of two square miles in Sedgwick County which includes the Sedgwick Industrial Park. Discussion was held on the Sedgwick Valley Joint Drainage District's maintenance issues that are affecting the City of Sedgwick.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he received a call from Dr. Morford, who currently provides medical service for the Detention Center, expressing his concern about the presentation given by Advanced Correctional Healthcare at last week's Commission meeting. He would also like the opportunity to make a presentation to the Commission. Commissioner Westfall stated that it is important to take a very close look at the information provided. He suggested that we also call the other counties being served by ACH and get references and comments on how well the service works for them. Dr. Morford gave information that was not covered in the ACH presentation.
4. Commissioner Westfall and Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, attended the meeting of the Walton City Council and presented the options for repairing and upgrading the streets in Walton. Discussions ensued about infrastructure bonding, and the process to do this.
5. Commissioner Westfall reported that the Greater Wichita Economic Development Council gave a presentation at the REAP meeting and stated that they now receive 2/3 of their funding from private donations and only 1/3 from public funds.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Republican ice cream social will be held on August 15.
2. Commissioners Westfall and Krehbiel and spouses will attend the annual 4-H picnic on Tuesday, July 23rd.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel received a notice that Ray Roberts, Kansas Secretary of Corrections, will conduct a meeting in Hutchinson on July 22nd. Commissioner Krehbiel notified his office that all Commissioners will not be able to attend because of regularly scheduled Commission meetings. The meeting will hopefully be rescheduled.

4. The next Council of Governments meeting is scheduled for September.
5. There will be no REAP meeting in August.

Minutes of the July 1 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The KAC has asked each County to donate \$1,000 for the map project that is to be constructed on the floor of the Visitor's Center at the Statehouse in Topeka. John Waltner reported that he talked with Scott Eckert to see if 4-H groups would be able to use this as a service project to help obtain some of the funding. The 4-H groups are not going to be able to do this. The scheduled completion date for the project is October 1. It is the desire of the Commission to contribute \$500.00 towards this project and obtain the remaining \$500 through private funding. John will talk with the Boy Scouts to see if maybe they would be willing to help.
2. John reported that in past years the Sheriff's Department and the Newton Police Department have submitted application for a JAG Grant. This year the City of Newton will submit a grant application to purchase metal detectors for their courts. Sheriff T. Walton said that in that particular grant application, the Sheriff's Department has to receive some part of the money. Infrared cameras for the Sheriff's Department were purchased with money from the grant last year.
3. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, presented a WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Grant application for approval. The Health Department serves approximately 1,800 clients per year with this grant. The grant amount is \$8,987. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Grant application and authorize the director of the Health Department to sign. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. Lynnette also presented the WIC Local Agency Budget Grant application which included itemized costs for all employees working with the WIC program and other costs associated with it. Patrick Mwangi, Fiscal Management Coordinator at the Health Department, said that the application includes an increase to \$168,708.58 for 2014 as compared to \$151,396.00 in 2013. The increase is due to salary increases and increased KPERs employer amounts. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the grant application and authorize the director of the Health Department to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that he will be ordering a decommissioned railroad tank car to use as a bridge replacement at SE 48th Street and Rock Road. This is the first time they have had an opportunity to use one of the repurposed tank cars.
6. T. Walton reported that they are having increasing problems with radio traffic and communication with surrounding counties. It will be a huge expense to correct this, but it will have to be done eventually. He reported that there were a couple of injury accidents over the 4th of July, but no fatalities. Several drownings were reported across the state, but none in Harvey County.

7. Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, gave an incident report for the time period of June 28th to July 5th. There were 71 fireworks incident reports, and 74 fires, 11 of which were fireworks related. He issued 4 permits for fireworks displays.
8. Byron Warta reported that there are 164 conservation plans that have been adopted by the Kansas Water Office. There are 218 water suppliers that have requested water conservation practices, including Council Grove and Marion Reservoirs. There has also been Stage 3 emergencies declared in Mulvane and Reno County Rural Water District #1. A cyanobacterium, also known as blue green algae, has been found to be present in Marion Reservoir. He also reported that the temperatures have been too high to run concrete for the runway replacement project at the airport. There is a proposal for subcontractors to work at night. All dirt work and drainage laterals are complete.
9. Shannon Metz, West Park Supervisor, reported that a tree fell on an unoccupied fifth wheel camper parked at West Park. She presented pictures of the camper and the fallen tree. She also reported that the Park was not full over the 4th of July, but they had a good crowd.
10. Counselor Greg Nye confirmed that the Commissioners received a copy of the administrative order written by Judge Walker and sent to Kansas Attorney General, Derek Schmidt. Counselor Nye said that the AG wanted some slightly different language added to the order. He also reported that property owners are being served regarding the tax foreclosure sale.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$135,879.14 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber presented the proposed 2014 budget for Harvey County. This is the recommended budget and it shows a mill levy increase of 4.46 mills specifically targeting the area with the most needs, which is the Road & Bridge Department. Discussion ensued and Anthony answered questions. The budget will be reviewed in detail at a special budget meeting beginning at 8:00 on Tuesday, July 16.

The meeting was recessed at 12:15 p.m. for lunch.

At 1:15 p.m. Joseph Hurla, Aaron Etkorn, Scott McVey, and Anna Salerno, of 360 Energy Engineers, presented a preliminary engineering audit as a result of an energy study performed on the Courthouse, Health Department Building, the Law Enforcement Center, and the Detention Center. Five options were presented for the replacement of the heating and cooling system for the courthouse. The estimated costs, not including energy cost savings, for each option are as follows:

Water-source heat pump	\$1,680,000
Ground-source heat pump	1,990,000
Variable refrigerant flow	1,630,000
Modern 4-pipe system	1,750,000
Updated (patchwork) 2-pipe/4-pipe mix	1,490,000

Law Enforcement Center estimated costs are:

High-efficiency condensing boilers	125,000
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Detention Center estimated costs are:

High-efficiency condensing boilers	35,000
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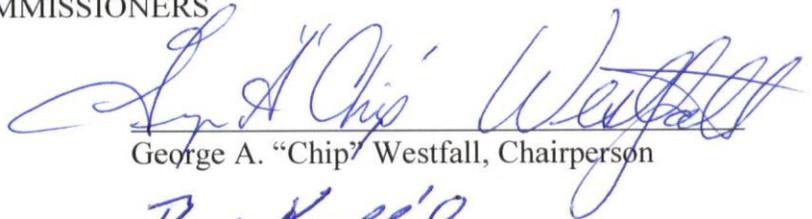
There was no recommendation for replacement of the system at the Health Department building.

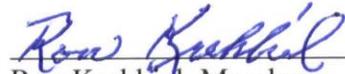
Total cost to replace lighting at all locations	110,000
Total cost to replace HVAC controls at all locations	50,000
Total cost to install modern, low-flow plumbing fixtures	120,000
Total cost to replace all windows in the Courthouse	350,000

The Commission will study and discuss all proposals.

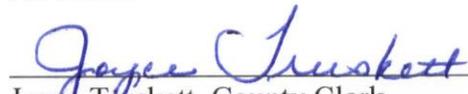
The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

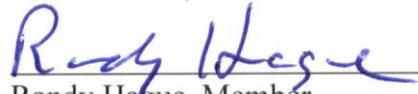
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