

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 3, 2013

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 3, 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 reported that the retirement reception for Dorothy Smith went well with a good turnout.
2. Commissioner Westfall asked if Harvey County should seek an exemption, similar to Douglas County, to the new state law requiring the county to allow handguns in the courthouse. John Waltner and Greg Nye replied that they are still exploring options, but that a plan needs to be completed before July 1.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Hague will attend the Healthy Harvey Coalition meeting on Wed., June 5 at noon.
2. Commissioner Westfall will attend a meeting on Wed, June 5 at 1:30 with Walton Mayor, John Reed, John Waltner and Jim Meier to discuss if the county may be able to assist with road work in the City of Walton like we have in the past.
3. The employee picnic will be held at West Park on June 23, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of the May 28 commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner reported that he contacted Jaci Riemer, Sedgwick City Administrator, about taking the place of Keith DeHaven as the Harvey County representative on the SCKEDD board. Jaci is checking with the Sedgwick City Commission to see if they approve. John also stated that, after a conversation with SCKEDD, the commissioners should consider appointing or replacing alternate representatives, and that at least one representative or alternate should be an elected official or designee of an elected official.
2. John stated that the DUI statute removed from the LKM Standard Traffic Ordinances does not adversely affect smaller cities.
3. John responded to a prior question regarding insurance coverage for county facility usage. John stated that the county needs to be a named insured on all event and group policies for groups using county facilities. John contacted the Harvey County Fair board, and they are making sure that the county is named on their policies. He is also contacting the Boy Scouts and other groups that use county facilities to be sure that the county is named in their policies.
4. John reported that Stan Brodhagen and Mickey Fornaro-Dean left on Saturday morning for the first German business conference.

5. Bob Cheney, Noxious Weeds Director presented a county agreement to treat noxious weeds for KDOT to be signed by the commission. This is a yearly agreement, the rates and terms are the same as last year's agreement. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Construction and Maintenance County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds, and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. The second reading of a recommendation for the appointment of Cynda Conrade to the Harvey County Parks Advisory Board was made. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Cynda Conrade to Harvey County Parks Advisory Board, and authorize the Chairman to sign the appointment. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Counselor Greg Nye presented copies of the court filing for the tax foreclosures. He stated that the property owners involved are now in the process of being served.
8. Becky Opland, Treasurer, reported that SB 96 passed allowing for a county registration fee not to exceed \$2.50 be added per vehicle registration or renewal. Becky decided that Harvey County should add \$2.50 per vehicle registration or renewal, the commission agreed, she will inform the state so that the fee can be added to renewal paperwork. The additional fee will be added to all vehicle registrations beginning July 1, 2013.
9. Anthony Swartzendruber informed the commissioners that the final audit from the Lindburg, Pierce, Vogel, & Faris is in their packet. He stated that if more clarification was needed a representative of the audit firm could come to a future meeting. The commissioners agreed that a meeting with the auditor was not necessary.
10. T. Walton, Sheriff, expressed concern about the cuts to the Department of Corrections in the budget that was passed by the legislature recently. He thought that Community Corrections would be cut the most.
11. Byron Warta stated that the water office is stating that the drought is not over, despite the recent rainfall amounts.
12. Byron Warta also reported that the runway improvement project at the City/County Airport has been having a few problems with procuring concrete.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Vernon Savage informed the commission that he is concerned that the stop signs on Spencer Rd. at First St. are not being seen or are being ignored and that the vehicles on First St. east of Spencer are not obeying the speed limits. He has witnessed a number of incidents of both infractions. He also stated that, in his opinion, licenses should be revoked on the first offense for DUI.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$83,534.97 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Matthew Schmidt, Executive Director of Health Ministries Clinic, Inc., presented the proposed 2014 budget for the Health Ministries appropriation. The budget is the same as last year with no increase. Matthew gave an overview of the operation and services provided to the community by

their facility. He stated that they are now federally qualified and have made a number of improvements to their infrastructure to be more efficient. The Commissioners will take the budget under advisement.

T. Walton, Sheriff, presented the proposed 2014 budget for the Sheriff's Office, including administrative, investigative and patrol divisions, correctional services and District Coroner. T. stated that inmate revenues and population have been increasing each year. He also informed the commission that he has been in contact with a company about contracting detention center meal services to possibly save money. The budget includes eliminating the Senior Patrol program. The budget included supplemental requests of \$62,800 to pay for increased utility and fuel costs. The budget includes capital outlay requests of \$27,000 for computers, \$7,000 for a copier, \$10,000 for laundry equipment, \$15,000 for detention center door locks, \$35,600 for Tasers, \$109,000 to replace 4 vehicles and \$25,000 to upgrade the communication system in the detention center. He also requested adding one detention deputy position. T. recommended moving the Coroner department budget to the Health Department. T. also reminded the commission that he would like to be able to set aside a percentage of the inmate fees to establish a detention center maintenance fund. The Commissioners will take the proposed budget under advisement.

At 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, T. Walton and Deputy Clerk Rick Piepho were also in attendance for the session. Executive session ended at 12:00 p.m. with no action being taken.

At 12:00 p.m. the meeting was recessed for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. LDeena Jones, 9th District Court Clerk and Jennifer Foster, 9th District Chief Court Services Officer, presented the proposed 2014 budget for District Court and Court Services. LDeena stated that the department is in the process of upgrading their computer and data systems including implementing the KHP Digi-ticketing system. The budget includes a supplemental request for about \$9,680 for increased data service maintenance, user fees and software licensing. It also includes a supplemental request to reinstate a \$6,000 supplemental salary for the District Magistrate Judge that was in the budget until 2011. The budget includes capital outlay requests of \$5,000 for computers, \$8,190 for a copier & 2 printers, \$2,000 for server, \$2,880 for conference room chairs, \$5,000 for a digital recording system, and \$13,000 for a half of a vehicle for Court Services. Jennifer stated that the vehicle expense would be shared with McPherson County and that their current vehicle is a 2002 with 130,000 miles that has begun incurring a lot of maintenance expense. The Commissioners will take the budget under advisement.

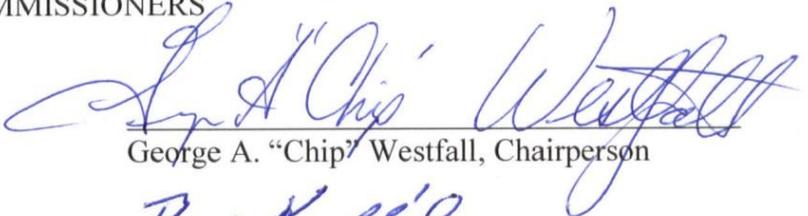
Anthony Swartzendruber, Finance Director, presented the proposed 2014 budget for the Administration department. The budget includes capital outlay requests of \$11,250 for a copier & a printer. He stated that the copier in administration is used by all departments in the courthouse and that the old copier will be moved to Planning & Zoning to replace an older copier. The Commissioners will take the budget under advisement.

Anthony Swartzendruber, Finance Director, presented the proposed 2014 budget for the Commission department. The budget is flat compared to last year. The Commissioners will take the budget under advisement.

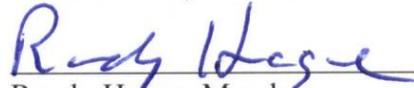
At 1:48 p.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 12 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye and Deputy Clerk Rick Piepho were also in attendance for the session. Executive session ended at 2:00 p.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson


Ron Krehbiel, Member


Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

