

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 11, 2013

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 11, 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 West Park employee Carol Dilts was in an auto versus tractor accident Friday night. She is doing OK with some minor injuries.
2. Commissioner Westfall gave a report on the REAP meeting this morning. The speaker was Tim Witsman, he spoke about the financial environment and issues relating to small businesses.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend a meeting of the Judicial Nominating Committee in McPherson on March 19 at 9:00 a.m.
2. Bernie Koch will host a legislative update at 12:00 noon at Montana Mike's on March 15th.
3. Commissioner Westfall stated that the Extension Council Lawn & Garden Show will be April 6th & 7th at the Armory.

Minutes of the March 4, 2013 Commission meeting were approved with two corrections upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner, Administrator, stated that Lon Buller will inform the commission of FEMA updates.
2. John reported that the Health Department will sign an agreement with the State of Kansas to participate in the set-off program.
3. Rick Piepho, Deputy County Clerk showed the commissioners an updated larger version of the map for the commission room with the edits requested last week. This map is 42" x 56". The commissioners agreed to proceed with framing and that it should be placed on the south wall. They want to leave the map up unframed for a few weeks for any final revisions. Rick also showed a sample section of a proposed 42" x 70" aerial view of the entire county to be hung on the east wall behind the commissioners. They agreed to proceed with printing, framing and hanging this picture.
4. John presented the KDOT region 5 traffic count map. The commissioners requested copies of the map for their files.
5. Greg Nye, County Counselor presented the bid from Regier Title, Inc. for \$75.00 per

certificate for Certificates of Title for the properties involved in the upcoming tax sale. Columbian Title of Newton, Inc. responded with a no bid. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the bid from Regier Title, Inc. for \$75.00 per property for Certificates of Title. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

6. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, stated that the phone system changeover on Saturday & Sunday went well. Anthony and the vendor are checking with each department to correct programming issues.
7. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the Sheriff's Department hosted one of three state wide training sessions on Friday, March 8th. The training went well with approximately 90 persons attending. He also reported on the incident on Monday, March 4 requiring Interstate 135 to be closed from North Newton to Hesston for about 5 hours because of a bomb threat.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$88,281.29 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$750.00 and \$375.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

Lonnie Buller reported that the cost estimates for the snowstorm event on Feb. 21 are \$191,000. This exceeds the threshold of \$119,659.80, which is the county population times \$3.45, to qualify for FEMA assistance. The estimated reimbursable costs are for fuel, overtime and material costs for the first 48 hours of the event. There will be a briefing from FEMA at a later date.

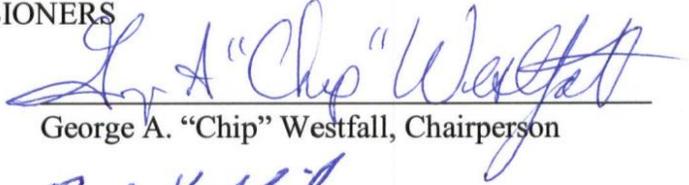
The commissioners discussed current legislative issues. There was a discussion about HB 2285, the "Trade Fixtures" bill. The commissioners reaffirmed their disapproval of this bill because of the fiscal impact to the county. The commissioners also discussed the HB 2055, the "Concealed Carry" bill. It was agreed that while there would be no fiscal impact for the State, the fiscal impact for each county to implement the security measures required to exclude weapons from county buildings would be enormous. John stated that even though he does not have an exact estimate of the costs to implement the measures in Harvey County, the cost would include screening equipment, 2 to 3 full-time employees to man the checkpoint, locking down all entrances except the main entrance and an addition to the main entrance on the west side of the courthouse for the equipment and space to accommodate the people. Commissioner Westfall stated that the courthouse would probably not be able to be open to public functions in the evenings. It was agreed that the costs to implement these measures would be very hard to afford for a county our size and that it would be especially hard for smaller counties and that maybe the state should provide some funding to the counties for this. The only option for many counties will be to just let weapons be carried into county buildings. The commissioners agreed the county should continue to support the lobbying efforts by the KAC and Bernie Koch to defeat or revamp both of these bills.

At 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Hague made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes total divided into two five minute periods to discuss attorney client privilege. Commissioner Krehbiel

seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the first session were John Waltner, Counselor Greg Nye, Treasurer Becky Opland and Rick Piepho. Also in attendance for the second session were John Waltner, Counselor Greg Nye and Rick Piepho. Executive session ended at 12:10 p.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

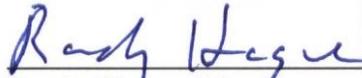


Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



Randy Hague, Member

