

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 18, 2013

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 18, 2013 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

There were no items added to the agenda.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Harvey County Lawn & Garden Show will be held at the National Guard Armory on April 6 – 7.

Minutes of the March 11, 2013 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners signed a letter of appreciation to be presented to Sedgwick Mayor Keith DeHaven for his many years of public service.
2. Carol Dilts, West Park Ranger, has not yet returned to work after being involved in a vehicle/tractor accident a week ago.
3. John reported that the Prairie View tax exempt application for the co-location facility for Prairie View, Health Ministries, and the Harvey County Health Department has been rejected by the Court of Tax Appeals until additional information is received. The requested information has been forwarded to them.
4. The County has received notification from the Kansas Department of Transportation of changes in federal funding for surface transportation programs. Harvey County will participate in a federal exchange program which will exchange the funds through KDOT. The money received will be 90% of allotted federal dollars, however there will be fewer restrictions on how the money can be used. The estimated dollars to be received are as follows:

2013	\$368,084.99
2014	342,096.20
2015	278,104.89
5. John reported that Agco in Hesston has been contacted to see if the County could possibly enter into a cooperative agreement for the use of a test tractor for mowing. Agco has agreed to provide a new tractor to be tested while mowing in actual conditions. They will provide service and support for the tractor with no charge to the county other than routine oil changes etc.
6. John received a report from a citizen that concrete rubble had been dumped in the stream bed of Jester Creek southeast of Newton. The landowner involved will be contacted and asked to remove the material.

7. Willis Heck, the Harvey County representative for the Highway 50 Association gave a brief report on the activities of the association for the 2012 year. They did not do any lobbying during the year because the new transportation plan included specific funding amounts for each county. The original goal of the group was to try to facilitate a four-lane highway from Emporia to the Colorado border, however they are now working towards adding passing lanes and increasing the length of existing passing lanes. Mr. Heck noted that although he is leaving office as a City Commissioner, he would still be available to serve on the Highway 50 Association. It was the consensus of the Commission to retain Mr. Heck as the Harvey County representative to the association.
8. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the Department was involved in part of the chase that ultimately resulted in the shooting of a Sedgwick County Sheriff's Deputy last Monday. He also reported that House Bill #2055 which allows citizens to carry concealed weapons into courthouses received a favorable vote from Representative Rhoades and a vote of opposition from Senator McGinn. Representative Schroeder did not vote. The bill will likely pass.
9. Sheriff Walton also reported that the investigation into the embezzlement of funds from the Newton Chamber Office is now complete and the case has been turned over to the County Attorney for prosecution. They are also working on a case of scam on an elderly person with the Attorney General's Office. The scam occurred to an elderly person who lives in North Newton.
10. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the installation of the new phone system has now been completed. It was discovered that there are more analog ports than what was anticipated, so they will be phased out gradually and replaced with digital ones.
11. It was reported that the gas pump at the Road & Bridge Department needs to be replaced. It is old and is not giving accurate readings for each of the departments. Used gas pumps cost approximately \$11,000. Although it is budgeted for replacement in 2014, because of the inaccurate readings, Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, would like to replace it in 2013.
12. The auditors completed the annual audit last Friday. Anthony reported that there were some minor issues found with regard to grants. Because of the total amount of funds received in federal dollars, a single audit had to be performed. The final audit report should be available by the end of May.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Vernon Savage thanked Commissioner Westfall for attending the open house at ABC Cards & Gifts.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$46,513.62 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:00 a.m. Kass Miller, East Park Supervisor, opened bids for fish restocking at the County Parks. Bid invitations were sent to four fish farms, Harbin, Wallace, Culver, and Hartley. Harbin Fish Farm is the only company that submitted a bid. The bid includes fish restocking on four dates during the 2013 season, April 6, May 24, June 28, and August 30. The amount bid for each of the stockings is as follows:

<u>Type of Fish</u>	<u>East Park</u>	<u>Camp Hawk</u>	<u>West Park</u>	<u>Bid Proposal</u>
Channel Catfish	1,623 lbs	110 lbs	975 lbs	\$ 6,336.72
Non-Hybrid Bluegill	500 ea	99 ea	500 ea	538.51
Total bid (4 Stockings)				\$27,500.92

The budgeted amount for the restocking is \$20,000. Reducing two stockings by half would reduce the expenditure to \$20,105. It was verified that staff could amend the amount requested for restocking if 10 days prior notice is given. Commissioner Hague made a motion to accept the bid from Harbin Fish Farm, changing the amount of two of the stockings to half of what was originally requested. Staff will be given the authority to negotiate the load amounts and the locations to be delivered to according to lake conditions at the three parks. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Kass Miller also opened bids for the purchase of two new or used 2012 to 2013 half-ton pickup trucks to be used at the Parks. Bid invitations were sent to eleven dealerships. Two bids were received and are as follows:

	<u>Midway Motors</u>	<u>Midwest Motors</u>
Year/ Make/ Model	2013 GMC Sierra 4WD	2013 Ford F-150 4WD
Cost for 2 Trucks	53,163.19	45,964.00
Less Trade for 1996 Dodge Pickup	50.00	300.00
Less Trade for 1999 Dodge Dakota	100.00	1,500.00
Less Trade for 1998 Ford Ranger	<u>450.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Bid	\$52,563.19	43,164.00

The amount budgeted for the purchase of these vehicles was \$38,000. Commissioner Hague made a motion to reject the two bid proposals received for the trucks because they exceed the amount budgeted. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:30 a.m. the meeting was recessed to attend the Quad County meeting in Hutchinson at the Hutchinson Community College South Campus. Following the meeting the commissioners viewed Eagle Drainage District and the rental building on south Meridian where emergency vehicles for the County and City of Newton will be located.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



George A. "Chip" Westfall
 George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairperson

Ron Krehbiel
 Ron Krehbiel, Member

Randy Hague
 Randy Hague, Member

ATTEST:

Joyce Truskett
 Joyce Truskett, County Clerk