

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**May 28, 2013**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 28, 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 expressed concern about significant cuts to the Kansas Department of Corrections introduced into the budget bill during the final days of the legislative session. The KDOC would receive budget cuts of 8.5 million in both FY 2014 and 2015. The Commissioners received letters from both the Kansas Department of Corrections and Janet Cagel, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Corrections, explaining the repercussions of the cuts.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. A retirement reception for Dorothy Smith will be held on Friday, May 31 at 2:00 p.m. Although Commissioner Westfall may not be able to attend, Commissioner Krehbiel will attend and present a plaque to her.
2. Commissioner Westfall will attend a 911 Board Meeting on June 5.
3. The joint City of Newton/Harvey County Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, June 3 at 1:30 p.m. has been postponed.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend the quarterly Prairie View Advisory Board meeting on June 6th at 11:30 a.m.
5. A Public Health Collaboration meeting will be held on June 26 in Wichita.
6. The employee picnic will be held at West Park on June 23, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of the May 20 commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Hague. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner reported that the County received a letter of thanks from Tracy Streeter, for hosting the water meeting last week.
2. John stated that if the Commissioners are not in favor of the budget cuts to the KDOC they should send contact the legislators by e-mail.
3. The EDC budget is scheduled for discussion with the Commission at 11:00 a.m. on June 24th.
4. Bow Fishing will be held again at East Lake on June 1st and June 2nd.
5. Commissioner Westfall has raised a question about possible changes in the State of Kansas Standard Traffic Ordinance. All municipalities adopt this ordinance on an annual basis called about the standard traffic ordinance. There may be some changes in DUI laws. Randall Allen, KAC Director, and Melissa Wangeman, KAC Legal Counsel, have been consulted and Ms. Wangeman will research the issue. Counselor Greg Nye will be attending the Municipality CLE in two weeks and the issue will likely be addressed there.

6. The Commissioners received a recommendation for the appointment of Cynda Conrade to the Harvey County Parks Advisory Board. The second reading will be heard at the next Commission meeting.
7. Sandy Frazier, representative of the Newton Saddle Club, presented a request to build a SturdiBilt storage shed near the concession stand and horse arena on the property owned by the City of Newton, leased by Harvey County, and sub-leased to the Saddle Club. The property is located south of the Fairgrounds on First Street. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the placement of a Sturdibilt portable shed on the Saddle Club's leased property. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2013-10**, reappointing Craig Clough as the Appraiser for Harvey County for a period of four years, beginning on July 1, 2013. Commissioner Hague seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Clough has served as the appraiser since 1997.
9. Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, gave a report on FEMA funding for the cleanup following a February snowstorm. There were 30 entities in the County that were eligible to apply for funds, and 23 actually turned in paperwork to apply. There were two entities that did not meet the threshold and five that chose not to participate. Townships are not always willing to participate which could affect the county threshold, however, in this case, it was not necessary.
10. Byron Warta reported on the REAP Water Meeting held in the Courthouse Community Room last week. The featured speaker was a person who works for a corporation in New York City that bonds water projects. Byron said there is concern that the general public will believe that the drought is over because of recent rains that have been received. However, the drought continues to be a serious situation, especially for the City of Wichita due to low water levels at Cheney Lake.
11. Byron reported that the runway improvement project at the City/County Airport continues on schedule. The south 2/3 of the runway should be open by the end of the week and work will begin soon on the final phase of the project.
12. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that patching continues on South Hertzler Road. He attended a GRS IBS bridge system seminar last week about new techniques used in building bridges. There is a potential savings of 25 to 60% on bridge replacement using the new technique. Jim will obtain a copy of a video to show to the Commissioners.
13. Anthony Swartzendruber presented the May sales tax collection figures for Harvey County. The figures represent what was actually collected in March. The report reflects a 1.6% decrease as compared to the same period in 2012. He also reported that the County has received the final audit from the Lindburg, Pierce, Vogel, & Faris. Information will be provided in next week's packet.
14. Counselor Greg Nye reported that he will absent from the meeting at 1:00 this afternoon, while he fills in for Judge Walker.

#### **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$162,610.39 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hague, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Stubbs, Executive Director of Caring Hands Humane Society, presented the proposed 2014 budget for the Humane Society. The budget includes a 4.5% increase. Kevin gave an overview of staffing at the shelter, how they handle the animals that are brought in, and the overall goals of the shelter. The Commissioners will take the budget under advisement.

Larry Sharp, KCAMP representative, updated the commission on claims and loss ratio for property and casualty insurance for Harvey County. The loss ratio for the County is currently 93%, which is derived by comparing claims paid out with respect to what has been paid in premiums. The four year average is 63% which is just a little above average. He reported that Harvey County has been good about using grant money for risk management programs. He suggested that non-slip strips be placed on stairs in the Courthouse to hopefully eliminate the risk of falls. He also said to make sure that all loads being hauled by county trucks are covered with tarps. He also gave a brief description about "tulip" coverage, which is liability insurance for special events held on county owned property.

David Yoder, County Attorney, and Deniece Giersch, Office Manager, presented the proposed 2014 budget for the County Attorney's Office. Counselor Yoder explained the Teen Court Program, which they have been able to continue despite the termination of state funding. He also gave an overview of the number and type of cases filed in District Court in the preceding three years. The budget includes capital outlay requests of \$1,000 for a printer and \$9,000 for a copier. They also presented the budget for the Diversion Fund. The Commissioners will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Lynette Reddington, Health Department Director, and Patrick Mwangi, Executive Assistant, presented the proposed 2014 budget for the Health Department. Lynette reported that they are working hard to get the collaboration going. The Community Health Center will hopefully be operational some time during the 2014 year. They are also working on establishing a drive-through flu vaccination clinic. The budget includes capital outlay requests of \$152,000 for electronic medical records software and implementation, \$18,000 for the purchase of a vehicle, and \$3,650 for data processing equipment. The Commissioners will take the proposed budget under advisement.

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

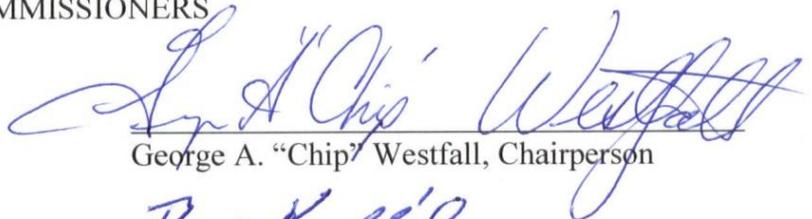
At 1:15 p.m. Gina Bell, Director of Planning, Zoning, and Environmental, presented an application from Kathryn Wray for a conditional use permit to operate an entertainment venue on property located in the A-1 Agricultural zoning district. The address of the property is 5420 NW 24th Street. Each recommendation of the Planning Commission was considered by the Commissioners. Mrs. Wray said there will be no skeet shooting at the site. Commissioner Hague made a motion to approve the conditional use permit, with conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission.. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Gina also presented the Commissioners with the flood map changes according to the new FEMA flood maps that were received last week. The changes were identified according to whether they were additions to the flood plain or whether they were areas that had been removed.

Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, presented the proposed 2014 budget for Solid Waste. Roy explained that one of his top priorities is to determine a good way to dispose of the wood waste generated by a cabinet company in Newton. Any wood that has any finish such as varnish, etc. cannot be disposed of in the C&D area. The post closure division budget is reduced by \$107,000 because the debt service will be paid at the end of 2013. The budget includes capital improvement requests of \$68,000 for the purchase of a semi-trailer with a walking floor, and \$165,000 for the purchase of a new grinder. The money that has been previously going to retire debt will now be directed towards the purchase of the new trailers. The capital improvement plan also includes \$6,000 to replace the heating and cooling system in the scale house in 2016. The Commissioners will take the proposed budget under advisement.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

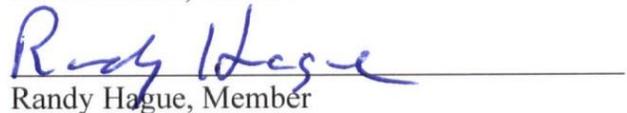
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