

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 7, 2008

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 7, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

There were no items added to the agenda.

Minutes of the June 30, 2008 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Roberson will represent Harvey County at the Partnership meeting to be held at Charlie's Restaurant on July 11, 2008.
2. The County has requested that the FEMA flood plain hearing be held in October instead of on September 11, as was originally scheduled.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The first reading was heard for the recommendation for appointment of James W. Anderson to the Mental Health Advisory Board. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the recommendation and make the appointment at the next commission meeting.
2. Rich Hanley, Director of Department on Aging, presented the first reading for the recommendation for appointment of two members to the Council on Aging. Dennis McDonough of Halstead and Neva Frey of Newton are recommended for appointment. The appointments will be made at the next commission meeting.
3. Mr. Hanley also thanked the Commissioners on behalf of Teresa Radebough, Chairman of the Regional Institute on Aging from Wichita State University for the Commission's support of the grant application to help people who have balance problems.
4. Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented the requests for two bridges to be placed on the Harvey County list of federally funded bridge projects. Paul Fergeson, Poe & Associates Engineer, has performed an inspection of the bridge on Burmac Road over the Little Arkansas River. The bridge was found to be in need of repairs as soon as possible. It was suggested that the bridge be placed in third place on the list followed by the bridge on North Kansas Avenue that crosses Middle Emma Creek. It was also recommended that the speed limit on the bridge on Burmac Road be reduced to 45 mph.
5. Upon a request by Commissioner Westfall, Craig Simons will check with the Data Processing Department to see if the new Website will be available by election time so the election results will be posted promptly.

CITIZENS FORUM:

Byron Warta said there was a convention of consulting engineers that had met and talked about Kansas highways. The consensus of the group is that local support and funding is the best way to get action and cooperation from the state highway department. This may call for additional taxes from local authorities.

Warrant checks were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeanie Flaming, Director of Transportation, and Rich Hanley, Director of Department on Aging, presented the proposed 2009 budget for the transportation department. There is an increase for fuel supplies projected, but a decrease in the cost of administration due to increased monies from the State of Kansas. Ms. Flaming also reviewed the different routes and services provided by the Transportation Department.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

After reconvening at 1:15 p.m., Scott Davies, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented the proposed 2009 budget for the Planning & Zoning Department and the Environmental Department. The largest increase in the budget is for fuel. Mr. Davies would also like to become certified next year as a Planning & Zoning Director and in Kansas Flood Plain Management. The state Planning & Zoning Conference will be held in August of 2008 at the Crosswind Conference Center near Hesston.

Margaret Hermstein, Register of Deeds, presented the proposed 2009 Register of Deeds budget. She explained how the Technology Fund is used in the preservation of County records. A laptop was purchased this year for the department and they plan to purchase a projector this year. The State Register of Deeds school will be held in Harvey County in February of 2009.

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk, presented the proposed 2009 Clerk and Election budget. The budget contains an allocation for a laptop computer to be used mainly for elections. The election budget contains increases for election software maintenance contracts.

Craig Clough, Appraiser, presented the proposed 2009 Appraiser's budget. The main goal of the department is to be in substantial compliance according to guidelines set out by state statute. The new CAMA system, called Orion, will come into use in Harvey County next year. Each County has the option of hosting the new system locally or to contract with the State do it. Harvey County will contract with the State. The budget contains a capital outlay request of \$15,500 for a printer/copier to handle the Orion system. The budget for fuel supplies increased about 40%.

Commissioner Westfall requested that we put some money into the budget for more in-depth background check for potential employees who will be in positions of public authority. This would include a polygraph and drug test.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member