

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

**May 12, 2008**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 12, 2008 with Commissioner Roberson and Commissioner Westfall present. In the absence of Chairman Krehbiel, Vice-Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall reported on the Governmental Partnership meeting that was held last week. The construction of the new buildings approved by the USD #373 Bond Issue is on schedule. Boyd Street will be extended north to 17th Street which will be extended west to Meridian Street. There will be a meeting held at McKinley Administration Center on May 22 to review the results of the YMCA study conducted by the Newton Chamber of Commerce. South side business owners have formed a group to promote the businesses in that area.
2. Commissioner Roberson gave a presentation at the annual meeting of Kansas County Commissioners. She spoke on indoor clean air resolutions for counties. There are only two counties in the state that have passed an indoor clean air resolution, Harvey and Johnson.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. May 15 – May 18 - Kansas Amateur Quarter Horse Association.
2. May 29 – Regional Water Conference
2. June 23 – June 28 - Oklahoma Horse Show.

Minutes of the May 5, 2008 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Greg Nye, County Counselor; Scott Davies, Planning & Zoning Director; and Craig Simons met with the City of Newton regarding the proposed Harvey County Fairgrounds. A legal agreement will need to be made with the City indicating that they will furnish utilities to the new location. A zoning change will eventually need to be made but not at this time. The title work has been completed by Regier Title and there is a lease to a school district and an oil company that will need to be taken care of by affidavit. There is a blanket easement for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline that will need to be limited to the pipeline area. Craig will attend the City Commission meeting on May 27th to keep them aware of how this development is proceeding. There is a possibility that some of the buildings from the current Fairgrounds could be moved to the new location.
2. Phil Adams reported that the Asphalt Paver that he bid on for the Road & Bridge Department was sold to a higher bidder for \$90,100.
3. Ryan Rohr, a Ranger at Camp Hawk and East Lake, is leaving to take a job at

4. Derby, KS in the Wastewater Department.
4. Members of the committee formed to make recommendations regarding construction in the breach impact areas below watershed dams have met and discussed possible changes in the regulations. They will meet again next week to discuss the suggested changes and then Scott Davies and Greg Nye will draft regulations based on their recommendations. The Planning & Zoning Commission will then consider the new regulations, with the final approval being made by the County Commission. There is concern about the availability of insurance coverage for the homes and buildings in impact areas.
5. Commissioners signed a thank you letter to the Kansas State Fair Board for providing a tour of the buildings at the Kansas State Fairgrounds.
6. The City of Wichita is presenting an informational meeting on May 14 at 7:00 p.m. to provide information on the second phase of the aquifer recharge project. Phase I was completed with a cost of 27 million dollars. Phase II is estimated to cost 230 million.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

There were no citizens present for Citizens Forum.

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

Commissioner Westfall made a motion at 11:25 a.m. to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss legal matters with Greg Nye, Harvey County Counselor. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. At 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to extend the session for a period of 5 minutes. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive Session ended at 11:50 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Member

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County Clerk

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