

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**DECEMBER 27, 2004**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on December 27, 2004 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Meier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Items to be Added:

1. The BOCC has received positive feedback to the waste-to-energy plan presented.

Minutes of December 13, 2004 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Retirement party for Mike Watkins, Undersheriff, will be Thursday, December 30, 2004 in the Law Enforcement Center from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
2. The land Lewis Unruh farmed for Cappers Foundation was sold last week.
3. King Construction, Hesston, was the low bidder for the construction of two bridges on Ridge Road.
4. Phil Adams, Road and Bridge, presented pictures and quotes for 2 used 10/12-yard capacity material trailers. Commissioner Krehbiel moved to allow Phil to pursue the purchase of the 1995 Davis Trailer, which is located in Houston, Texas. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
5. Craig Simons, County Administrator, and Craig Clough, County Appraiser, discussed the letter received from Dan Hermes about lobbying for the independent living unit issue. Commissioner Roberson moved to continue the contract beginning on December 1 and ending upon adjournment of the 2005 legislature for a total amount of \$9,000; payment of \$3,000 upon execution of the agreement and \$6,000 paid on April 1, 2005; with a clause that the remainder of the contract would be null and void in the event that a hearing was not conducted on a bill equivalent to 2004 HB 2904 prior to date required for first house action on nonexempt legislation in the 2005 Legislative Session. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
6. John Waltner, Mayor of Hesston City, presented a Consent for Annexation of property of the Harvey County Shop and storage area immediately west of Hesston on Dutch Ave. Commissioner Roberson moved to accept the Consent for Annexation by the City of Hesston and the legal description is:  
Beginning at the Southeast Corner of the Southeast One-Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Twenty-Two (22), Range One West (R1W) of the Sixth P.M.; thence West 230.0 feet; thence North 860.0 feet; thence East 230.0 feet; thence South 860.0 feet to the point of beginning, less right-of-way.  
Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RSVP Advisory board appointments will be addressed at the January 3, 2005 meeting and a first hearing was held at today s 'meeting.

Warrants were approved for payment through December 27, 2004 upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Economic Development, and SuAnn Halter, controller for Contour Products Inc, met with the BOCC to present a tiered tax abatement plan for the real estate expansion of the manufacturing plant. The machinery was granted a fifty percent abatement for ten years. Commissioner Krehbiel moved to approve **Resolution No. 2004-25**; a resolution granting a partial exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain property constructed and purchased by Contour Products, Inc., 1418 Cow Palace Road, Newton, Kansas, for manufacturing purposes. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Craig Clough, County Appraiser, stated that the exemption would start January 1, 2005.

Roy Patton, Landfill, discussed the letter received from Allied Environmental Consultants Inc., and Paul Clark about biosolids composting.

At 10:45 a.m., Joyce Truskett was sworn into office as the new Harvey County Clerk by Mary Lou Abrahams, who is a notary from the Treasurers Office. Joyce takes over the office left vacant by the death of Margaret Wright.

At 10:50 a.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel and passed unanimously, the BOCC went into executive session for fifteen minutes.

After coming out of executive session, the BOCC viewed the outdoor shooting range at the Landfill.

Commissioner Roberson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m., Chairman Meier seconded the 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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Member