

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 8, 2005

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 8, 2005 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

Commissioner Krehbiel received a call regarding a rough railroad crossing on SW 60th near the Putnam elevator. The Harvey County Road & Bridge Department contacted the Santa Fe Railroad to notify them of the crossing which may need repairs. The Commissioners will view the site later today.

The minutes of the July 25, 2005 and July 26, 2005 meetings were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Chairman Krehbiel signed the contract with Hwa Davis Construction Co. for the culvert extensions on East First Street.
2. John Waltner presented a contract addendum from the NACo drug program to extend Harvey County's participation in the program for another three years. Because of the success of the program, NACo has decided to terminate the pilot program and proceed with a continuing regular program. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the contract to continue with the program for another three years. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
3. The Commissioners are invited to attend a REAP visioning meeting that will be held in Newton on August 12 at the McKinley School Building.
4. Hesston Mayor John Waltner invited the Commissioners to attend a thank you celebration on September 17, 2005 to honor Lyle Yost for his contribution to the Hesston Community and this area. A banquet will be held at the Water's Edge Restaurant, with a social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m.
5. An ice cream social sponsored by the Republican Party will be held at the shelter house at Athletic Park from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., August 8, 2005.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Kansas National Guard Mobile Museum will be at the National Guard Armory on August 11, 2005 from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.
2. There will be a FEMA flood-mapping meeting in the basement community room on August 11, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.
3. The grand opening for the newly renovated Fischer Field at Athletic Park will be held Friday, August 12, at 6:00 p.m. There will be entertainment and food.

4. Full Vision, Inc. will receive the certificate of achievement for OSHA's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program at Full Vision at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 18.
5. BioCycle will present the fifth annual conference on Renewable Energy from Organics Recycling in Madison, Wisconsin on September 12, 13, & 14. The Commissioners will drive to Wisconsin on September 11 and return on September 15.
6. The Commissioners agreed to work in the booth sponsored by the Newton Chamber of Commerce at the Kansas State Fair on Friday, Sept 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
7. Governor Sebelius has declared the Harvey County area as a medically underserved area. This is the first step to enable Harvey County to apply to get a Community Health Center look-alike. With a Community Health Center look-alike, federal grants are not available. In addition to low-income clients, the Community Health Center would be able to serve Medicaid and Medicare patients and can receive full cost reimbursement for their services. Dental care has been identified as one of the most pressing priorities in Harvey County and we are exploring rural health grants in conjunction with Hutchinson to provide dental healthcare.

Warrant checks were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

Paul Ferguson, Poe & Associates Representative, opened the bids for the 2005 slurry seal for 15 miles of road throughout the County. The bids, which included a 5% bid bond, were as follows:

Ballou Construction - \$306,750, with construction to begin on or about October 1, 2005.

Beachner Construction - \$288,814, with construction to begin on or about September 15, 2005.

The engineer's estimate for the project was \$347,898. Commissioner Roberson moved to accept the low bid from Beachner Construction. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Ferguson opened the bids for the 2005 bituminous overlay project for 4 miles of Harvey County roads. The bids, which included a 5% bid bond, were as follows:

APAC Kansas - \$273,959.22, with construction to begin on or about September 12, 2005.

Cornejo & Sons - \$282,898.30, with construction to begin on or about September 26, 2005.

Richie Construction - \$341,675.17, with construction to begin on or about September 19, 2005.

The engineer's estimate was \$326,446.20. Commissioner Meier moved to accept the low bid from APAC for the overlay project. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

After hearing no objections to the 2006 budget, Commissioner Meier made a motion to close the budget hearing and approve the budget as published. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

After no objections were heard, the public hearing for the amendment of the 2005 budget was closed. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept the amendment to the 2005 budget. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Both the Parks Board and the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board have met and voted to allow the construction of two communications towers on designated park land. Commissioner Meier made a motion to approve the towers and Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. An amendment recommended by the planning commission that disbursement of any possible revenues from the leasing of the towers be given to the Parks was rejected at this time.

Craig Simons presented an offer from the City of Newton for the Former Axtell Clinic Building as a possible location to combine the Health Department and Harvey County Health Ministries for the Community Health Center. Rick Holbrook from the architect firm, Goossen & Livingston, estimated that it would cost approximately \$109 per sq. ft to remodel the existing building. The air conditioner does not work properly and air conditioning and heating ducts are difficult to replace with the existing low ceilings. The architect estimated the cost to remodel the main floor would be approximately \$1,000,000, with the basement remodel estimated at approximately \$600,000. The City of Newton provided information on bringing the building up to fire code with additional exit signs and emergency lighting. ADA restrooms are also needed on each floor. Mr. Holbrook estimated to build something new would cost from \$130 to \$145 per sq ft. The Newton Professional Center on Pine Street may be a better option. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to graciously decline the offer from the City of Newton due to the insurmountable costs to remodel it to fit the needs of the Community Health Center. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Commissioners left at 12:00 to eat lunch and then view the new bridges on Ridge Road and the railroad crossing near the Putnam elevator.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member