

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 22, 2005

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 22, 2005 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

The commissioners received a letter from Jeanie and Jim Senn who live at 229 SW 48th Street. The Senns are preparing to build an addition onto their residence, and when completed, the corner of the garage will be 55 feet from the center of the roadway. The current zoning regulations require that the house be 80 feet from the center of the roadway. They are asking that an exception be made on their behalf. Application for a variance that would come before the planning and zoning board would cost \$225.00. Mr. Senn indicated that other exceptions had been made regarding zoning regulations in the same area, and that the decisions made were not always equitable. The Commissioners will draft a letter stating the position of the Board and request that Mr. Senn provide information on the properties that he felt had received special zoning exemptions.

Commissioner Meier made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Chairman Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Harvey County Transfer Station has submitted a modification to the existing composting permit from KDHE. The modification would allow the size of the composting area to be doubled. Commissioner Meier made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the certification page for the permit modification. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Chairman Krehbiel signed the notice to proceed for the overlay and the slurry seal projects in Harvey County.
3. There is a Kansas Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Conference in Topeka on September 20 - 21, 2005. Commissioners Roberson and Meier will attend.
4. John Waltner presented a letter from Columbian Title regarding property being sold by Charles Lanzrath in Pleasant Township. The County currently owns mineral rights for the property and is being asked to quit claim the rights to Vernon R. McLain, buyer. Commissioner Roberson moved to approve the quit claim deed and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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

Dick Beasley, Director of Harvey/McPherson Counties Community Corrections, presented the

fiscal year 2006 Kansas Department of Corrections carryover reimbursement plan budget summary and narrative. Commissioner Meier moved to accept the plan and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Representatives from the Newton Area Board of Realtors, Arlan Newell and Jan Jones, inquired as to when on-line access to property information from the Appraiser's Office would be available. Craig Clough, Harvey County Appraiser, said that it is very close to being available. The NABORS invited the Commissioners to present a program at their annual board meeting to be held on Sept 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Charlie's Restaurant. Meal will be provided. There would be a time of open forum for the realtors and their affiliates to ask questions. The following questions were presented for the Commissioners to consider:

1. What areas of growth do you see happening in the future of Harvey County?
2. What type of growth do you see happening in the future of Harvey County?
3. Why do we not have more small, one to two acre, housing tracts in our county?
4. Are we open to developers who want to buy land and develop it? What are the current rules and how do they compare with other counties in the Wichita metro area.
5. Is Harvey County open to developers who make inquiries regarding tracts of land?
6. Does Harvey County make inquiries to developers who might be interested in doing land development here?
7. How much growth do we want in Harvey County?
8. How do we see our City/County Airport as being involved in this growth?

Rita Flickinger, Director of the Harvey County Department, and Tina Payne, Director of the Harvey Community Health Initiative, gave an update regarding the progress of the Initiative. Harvey County has been designated as a medically underserved county, with dental care being identified as the most common unmet need. There is a possibility of obtaining a rural health outreach grant in coalition with Prairie Star, a safety net center for Reno County, Reno County Health Department, and Harvey County Health Ministries. The goal is to educate the public about dental care and the importance of it, and to eliminate the fear associated with it. It will also be difficult to find a dentist who is willing to staff the project.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be a breakfast meeting with Farm Bureau on August 29th at 7:30 a.m. at the Breadbasket.
2. The Commissioners will work the booth at the Kansas State Fair on September 16, 2005.

Doug King, Quality Recycling, has called Harvey County to again express his desire to locate a waste burner at the Harvey County Transfer Station for a waste-to-energy project. He will need a decision from the Commissioners by September.

Commissioner Meier moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Roberson

seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member