

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 7, 2005

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 7, 2005 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of January 31, 2005 were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Meier. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Craig Simons reported that there are 16 acres of land for sale, one and one-half miles west of Walton adjacent to the Nazarene Church property. This property is in a watershed dam breach impact area and a house can be constructed on the property. Commissioner Roberson moved to accept **Resolution No. 2005-12** to establish a temporary six-month moratorium on the construction of any structure within the designated breach impact area of a low hazard dam in Harvey County. During the six months, Harvey County will conduct public comments and examine the issues of building new houses in dam breach areas. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Commissioner Roberson will be attending the City Commission meeting this week, where a decision will be made as to whether the City will donate a walking bridge to Harvey County to be used at East Lake.
3. Craig Simons, Rita Flickinger, and Tina Payne, representatives from Harvey County, and Steve Kelley from Newton Medical Center will tour the Community Health Center in Salina on February 8.
4. There will be a breakfast with Todd Tiahrt on February 11.
5. County Government Day will be held in Topeka on February 15. The Commission will try to have lunch with area legislators.
6. Craig Simons will be out of the office next week and return on February 22, 2005.
7. The Commissioners are invited to attend lunch at the Harvey County Health Department on February 22, 2005.
8. Terah Goerzen, coordinator of the Ross Grant, and Kathy Hannemann, Director of Department on Aging, explained the grant and how the funds for it are dispersed. This grant is to provide in-home assistance to the elderly who are living in public housing. The money for both Harvey and Butler County is handled through the Harvey County warrant account, however, all the time and expenses are reimbursed by the grant.
9. A post-incident analysis took place regarding the ice storm. The Harvey County Road and Bridge Department was recognized for their exceptional help in the clean-up of the storm.

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

Harvey County Sheriff, Byron Motter, and Vern Schmidt, Superintendent of Harvey County Detention Center, presented a Proposed Inmate Drug Prescription Plan. Tom Hoskins, pharmacist from Hesston Pharmacy, and Jim Volk, from Wilson Pharmacy attended and participated in the discussion. The Governor's Task Force recommended three options to reduce the cost of inmate pharmaceuticals: The State of Minnesota Cap Program, mail order pharmaceuticals (Diamond), and the NACO card plan. The Cap Program would require additional staff to process the paperwork, which would make the mail order program a better option for Harvey County. According to information from the task force, there would be a cost savings of 48.3% on prescription drugs, or approximately \$14,000 - \$17,000 annually for Harvey County. The percentage savings could be further increased by 2% in July by participation in the State of Kansas contract with Diamond Pharmaceuticals. To give local suppliers a fair chance, the Commission recommended that we make a direct cost comparison between Wilson Pharmacy and Diamond Pharmaceuticals on a list of ten or twenty drugs most often prescribed. This would include the cost of the drugs, dispensing fees, and administration fees.

Bob Myers, City of Newton Attorney, and representative from South Central Kansas Water Coalition presented an interlocal agreement for Harvey County to join the Coalition.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to sign the agreement and to accept **Resolution No. 2005-13**, which authorizes the execution of the agreement. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. It was decided that the Harvey County delegates to the Coalition would be the Chairman with the Vice-Chairman as an alternate on the Board of Delegates, and the Environmental Officer with the Planning and Zoning Director as the alternate on the Board of Directors of the Coalition.

Craig Simons and John Waltner have looked at several of the properties listed on the tax foreclosure sale. The recommendation is that the minimum bid for the railroad properties be taxes, court costs, and filing fees, with the other properties having a minimum bid of court costs and filing fees only. Commissioner Meier moved to authorize Greg Nye, as representative of Harvey County, to accept minimum bids on railroad properties as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roberson and passed unanimously. Commissioner Meier moved to authorize Greg Nye to accept minimum bids of court costs and filing fees on the other properties. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Meier moved that the Commission go into executive session regarding personnel matters. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. No action was taken in executive session which lasted until 12:00 p.m.

After a recess for lunch Commissioner Roberson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Member

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