

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JULY 18, 2005

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 18, 2005 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Sharon Arellano, Director of Data Processing presented the 2006 budget for that department. Ms Arellano proposed the County obtain DSL internet service on it s'own as opposed to using the State service, which costs \$114.00 per month. The County would have to provide firewall protection which would be a one time fee of \$11,000 plus approximately \$2,100 for installation. This would provide faster, more flexible service for the County.

Jeannie Flaming, Director of Transportation and Kathy Hannemann, Director of Department on Aging presented the 2006 budget for the Transportation Department. A new medical van will be purchased, with the County paying 20% of the purchase price and Kansas Department of Transportation paying 80%. The budget also has an increase in fees for the individual riders.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2005 meeting. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion and it was passed unanixouly.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Goodland Kansas will be building three energy plants; an ethanol plant, a coal fired electrical generation power plant which can burn bio-mass, and a bio-diesel production plant.
2. Commissioner Meier made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the appointments of Jessie Kay to replace Mel Goering, and Dr. Ted Cook to replace Dr. Ron Morford on the Harvey County Health Task Force. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. John Waltner presented the prescription savings from the usage of the NACo prescription cards. Since December of 2004, those using the cards have saved a total of \$33,221.45 on prescriptions.
4. Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, presented the final figures from Resnik Motors, regarding the purchase of a pick-up for the department. Resnik has agreed to match the price given to the Emergency Management Department for the purchase of a pick-up for that department, which was a competitive bid. The purchase price will be \$21,010. Commissioner Roberson moved to accept the bid from Resnik Motors. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Patton reported that the container purchased for the purpose of in-vessel composting is now in operation. Air is blown into the container through slotted PVC pipes inside the railroad shipping container.

CITIZENS FORUM:

1. Byron Warta, Chairman of the City/County Airport, inquired as to the location of the two proposed radio towers for 9-1-1 services. There is concern by the Airport Board regarding their location. One is to be located at Camp Hawk and the other at West Park. Mr. Warta also questioned who recommended the amount of the submitted wage figures for the 2006 Extension Council budget. The local Extension Service, not the State, is responsible for the proposed budget figures presented. There is concern that the State will cut local agent positions by consolidating positions with neighboring counties.

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

Resolution #2005-22, extending a temporary moratorium on the construction of any structure within the designated breach impact area of a low hazard dam in Harvey County, was presented. Citizens in attendance were Jerry and Linda Graber, who have begun a remodeling project on an existing residence within a breach area; Ardith Sauerwein, Byron Warta, John Waltner, Bill Hamm, Stan Jost, Lester Voth, and Alvin Schmidt; Kirk Miles, Representative from NRCS, and Randall Fischer, attorney for the watershed district; and Shannon Kingsley, Harvey County Planning & Zoning Department. Bill Hamm spoke on behalf of the watershed district and indicated they would like to wait until the State Department of Water Resources makes a decision on redefining the breach areas of the watershed dams. There is a question as to whether the breach area is measured from the top of the spillway or the top of the dam. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept the resolution with the provision that the Grabers be allowed to go ahead with their remodeling project, but the moratorium on new construction in the breach areas should be continued until February 7, 2006. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Richard Denno, representative from the Harvey County Fair Board, presented the 2006 budget for the Fair.

Nancy Martin, Executive Director for Health Ministries presented the 2006 budget for Health Ministries. Susan Rhoades, Connie Weber, John Torline, and Terry Fruechting were also in attendance.

Marion Rowland, Director of Parks, and Tom Zogelman, Parks Supervisor, presented the 2006 budget for the Parks Department.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Commissioner Krehbiel reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Courtney Becker, Director of Harvey County Communications, Don Gruver, Assistant Director, and Ron Hoffman, former Director, presented the 2006 budget for the Communications Department. The budget is split into two budgets, one for Communications services, and one for 9-

1-1 operations, which is funded by the wireless 9-1-1 tax and land-line 9-1-1 tax. The Department has set up a separate bank account so that interest on the funds for wireless 9-1-1 can be better monitored. The auditors prefer the funds not be separate from other County funds. By state statute, the funds may be expended only for 9-1-1 equipment and expenditures. The Department is also asking to share a secretary with Emergency Management, where there would be some continuity in the information that both departments use. The Communications Department has had five secretaries since 1999. They propose that a full-time position would be more likely to keep someone longer term. This would enable the Department to spend less time on frequent training of new people.

Courtney Becker, Don Gruver, and Ron Hoffman presented the plans to construct two radio towers, one on park property at Camp Hawk and one on property at West Park. Shannon Kingsley, Director of Planning & Zoning, and Director Marion Rowland and Tom Zogleman from the Parks Department were in attendance. Bruce Cowan was in attendance and spoke against placing the towers on County Parks property. He suggested placing the towers on City property which is near Camp Hawk. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to send the proposal back to the planning board for further consideration and to return an answer at the earliest possible time. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner Roberson and Commissioner Meier voting aye and Chairman Krehbiel voting nay.

Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, updated the Commissioners on the progress of the two bridge replacements on Ridge Road. Whitewing Construction was to begin putting up guardrails today at the south bridge, which should be completed in a few days. The approaches for the north bridge have not yet been poured, but there is still 20 days left on the time restriction in the contract.

Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, presented the 2006 Road and Bridge budget.

Commissioner Meier moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member