

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 7, 2005

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

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. A meeting sponsored by an opposition group regarding the casino issue will be held on November 13, at the Fox Theater. The Newton Kansan will also be hosting an impartial meeting regarding the issue. The Commissioners will decide individually whether or not to attend these meetings.

Minutes of the October 31, Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Meier. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The request for a variance made by Jim Senn was approved by the Planning & Zoning Board. This variance will enable him to place his garage closer to the street than is allowed by zoning regulations.
2. Craig Cox, Harvey County Counselor, presented a revised fence viewing decision that had been signed last week. The legal descriptions had been omitted from the original document and so were added in order to file with the Register of Deeds Office. The Commissioners signed the revised document.
3. The annual Township meeting has been scheduled for the 5th of December at the Road and Bridge Department. The Quad County meeting will also be held that day. The annual Harvey County Christmas lunch will be held on December 12, 2005 in the Courthouse Community Room.
4. Since the Commissioners will be attending the KAC Conference, there will be no Commission meeting on November 21.
5. ERS, a medical waste disposal company on south Spencer, has been sold to Enserv, a company based in Houston, TX. They are a very large company that handles about 4,500 tons of medical waste per year. Reno County seems to be in favor of taking the waste, and would negotiate the cost with Enserv. ERS currently employs about twenty-five people.
6. Commissioner Meier made a motion to sign an agreement with Prairie View for the 2006 calendar year for the provision of services as a Community Mental Health Center. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
7. A letter has been sent to Dale and Janet Ortman to request that they obtain a conditional use permit to sell cars at their residence at 8720 N Halstead Rd.

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

Sheriff Byron Motter recommended that the Commission approve a proposed change to the personnel manual which requires all commissioned law enforcement officers who work for the Harvey County Sheriff's Department to live within Harvey County. Detention Center employees would be exempt from this requirement. Employees will be given nine months to comply unless extenuating circumstances occur. Commissioner Meier made a motion to approve the change, and Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Another change to the personnel manual was proposed in regards the classification of certain positions. Unclassified positions would include those appointed by elected officials, Undersheriff, Deputy County Clerk, Deputy County Treasurer, Deputy Register of Deeds, and Assistant County Attorneys. The employees who work in these positions work at the pleasure of those elected officials. These unclassified positions shall be exempt from the normal employment procedures, grievance rights, or termination policies. Commissioner Roberson moved to accept these new guidelines for the personnel manual. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The request by David and Catherine Gilley for a conditional use permit to allow the establishment of a private airplane landing strip on property in the A-1 agricultural zoning district was approved upon a motion by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. This approval is granted upon the condition that all legal requirements are met. Passed unanimously.

The Economic Development Administration has proposed some changes that will affect the South Central Kansas Economic Development District. There will be a meeting on December 15, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. at the old Slawson Building in Wichita. Commissioner Roberson and Commissioner Meier will attend. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to sign the letter written to the EDA regarding concerns about the interim final rule. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

Member

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Member