

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 10, 2005

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 10, 2005 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Due to conflicts with Commission meeting scheduling, the Commissioners will not attend the REAP meeting next Monday. The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Meier suggested the property on K-89 between US Hwy 50 and Halstead, could possibly be used for a project by the Extension Council or 4-H Clubs. This would serve to make the property useful as a project area in addition to keeping the area cleaner. Craig Simons will check to determine if the property is leased out.

The minutes of the September 26, 2005 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Meier. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. There will be a Solid Waste Regional meeting this Wednesday at 11:30 at the Reno County Public Works Building in South Hutchinson. All of the Commissioners will attend.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel, who had been appointed delegate to the KAC, will not be attending the meeting in Topeka in November. Therefore, Commissioner Meier made a motion to appoint Commissioner Roberson as the delegate. Chairman Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Commissioner Meier made a motion to appoint Craig Simons as the first alternate and John Waltner as the second alternate. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
3. Commissioner Meier made a motion to appoint Commissioner Roberson as the voting delegate for KWORC and KCAMP and authorize the chairman to sign the appointment. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
4. The City of Hesston is asking for a utility easement for a property in the Farmington Addition, which has been annexed by the City. The easement is for a property that formerly had a lagoon on it and will be sold by sealed bids at public auction. Commissioner Meier made a motion to grant the City of Hesston the easement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. The Commissioners received an invitation from Friendly Acres to attend an OSHA Achievement luncheon on Friday, October 21, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.
6. The Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections has issued an invitation

for the Commissioners to meet with Don Jordan, Acting Juvenile Justice Authority Commissioner, at the Salina City/County Building on October 25 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend.

Commissioner Meier reported that the purchase of Hangar M at the Newton City/County Airport has been completed. The building was purchased for \$750,000 and will be leased to Avcon.

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

Twila Van Rossun, owner of Hilltop Convenience Store, and Bill Hamm, representative from Walton Township, were in attendance for the vote to allow Hilltop Convenience Store to sell cereal malt beverages on Sunday in the unincorporated area of Walton Township. The Sunday sales allow for cereal malt beverage to be sold from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. only. There are also restrictions on Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Commissioner Meier moved to approve **Resolution No. 2005-29** to allow the expanded sale of cereal malt beverages located within the unincorporated areas of Harvey County. Chairman Krehbiel seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of two to one, with Commissioner Roberson voting nay.

After a short break, Bob Knight, former Mayor of the City of Wichita and spokesman for the Iowa Indian Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, made a presentation to the Commission regarding the possibility of locating a destination casino in Harvey County. The project would require 60 to 80 acres of land for construction, and would take approximately eighteen months to complete. Bill Reynolds, representative from the Law/Kingdon Architectural Firm, and Dennis Smith, representative from the Law Company, assisted in the presentation. The proposed location of the casino is a site somewhere on the I-135 corridor near an existing interchange. In addition to the casino, the project would include a 12-story 300 room hotel, a 2000 car parking garage, a water park, retail shops, childcare, indoor-outdoor pool, spa, five restaurants or eating areas, and an event center. At full completion, the facility would employ 2,500 people. Also attending the presentation were Gordon Schultz, John and Mary Jane Waltner, Tom Thull, Jim Heinecke, Tim Johnson, Virgil Penner, Mickey Fernaro-Dean, Chris Strunk, Tim Huber, and a representative from KSN. Commissioner Meier made a motion to hold a non-binding county referendum to determine whether Harvey County would support a destination casino. The referendum will be held by mail-in ballot with the results finalized before January, 2006. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Meier made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2005-28**, which establishes home rule in order for Harvey County to hold the advisory election. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Commissioner Roberson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member