

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 26, 2005 with Commissioners Roberson and Meier present. Commissioner Krehbiel was absent. Vice-Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Meier received a call from Ross Sheffler regarding trees being removed from his property. The Township has contracted with a subcontractor to remove trees interfering with powerlines. Mr. Sheffler owns pasture land and has planted trees as a shelter and wildlife refuge. He has talked to Don Lanzrath, a township board member, and proposed that the trees be topped instead of removed. The Commission will follow up on this issue.
2. Commissioner Roberson received a call from Sue Ice regarding the slurry seal on Spencer Road between SE 12th and SE 36th St, and SE 36th St between Spencer Road and I-135. According to Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, the seal is done to prevent problems in the road surface, not necessarily because the road needs to be repaired.

The minutes of the September 19, 2005 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Passed unanimously.

Terry Boulard, Harvey County Health Department, presented an application for the continuation of the Bio-Terrorism grant. Commissioner Meier moved that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Grant request. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. A letter to the Newton Chamber of Commerce making suggestions for improving the booth at the Kansas State Fair was signed by the Commissioners.
2. The annual KWORC meeting will be held November 21, 2005 in Topeka.
3. Commissioner Meier made a motion to appoint Chairman Krehbiel as delegate to the KAC. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
4. Commissioner Roberson reported on the Renewable Energy Conference held in Topeka last week. The focus of the Conference was to reduce our dependency on foreign energy resources.

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

John Torline, Administrator of North Newton, submitted a proposal for Harvey County to pave Kansas Avenue north of the Sand Creek bridge. This is a township road. The City of North

Newton would pave NE 24th Street from the point where the pavement ends to Kansas Avenue. Commissioner Meier made a motion to approve the request made by the City of North Newton for Harvey County to pave Kansas Avenue from the Sand Creek bridge north to NE 24th Street. The City of Newton would pave south of the bridge to the existing pavement. After the completion of paving, the City of North Newton would be responsible for the upkeep of the road from sand creek to 24th Street. The City of Newton would maintain the road south of the Sand Creek bridge. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Meier made a motion to go into executive session for a period of forty minutes regarding the possible acquisition of property. Passed unanimously. No action was taken during executive session which ended at 10:45 a.m.

T.W. Anderson, Airport Manager, presented a proposal to purchase a hangar at the Newton City/County Airport. Commissioner Meier made a motion to approve the purchase of Hangar M at a cost not to exceed \$750,000, pending City Commission approval of the bond financing. The financing shall be born within the budget of the airport and recovered by rent charged the tenant of the hangar and the repayment obligation shall be shared equally between the city and the county. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Twila Van Rossun, owner of the Hilltop Convenience Store east of Walton, presented a request to sell 3.2 cereal malt beverages on Sundays at her business. Bill Hamm, a representative from Walton Township, was also in attendance. Any action will be postponed until all three Commissioners are here to vote. The item was tabled until the meeting of October 10, 2005.

At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Meier moved to go into executive session until 12:00 p.m. regarding the acquisition of property. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. No action was taken during executive session which ended at 12:00 p.m.

The Commission recessed for lunch until 1:30 p.m.

Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, presented **Resolution #2005-26**, relating to the provision of assistance to and from Harvey County during the times of disaster. Commissioner Meier moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Resolution #2005-25 was also presented for approval by Mr. Buller. The resolution designates the National Incident Management System as the incident management system to be used for planning, responding, recovery, and mitigating from both natural and man-made disasters within Harvey County. Commissioner Meier moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Meier made a motion to sign a mutual aid agreement for the counties of Harvey, Butler, McPherson, Reno, Marion, and Sedgwick counties. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Meier made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2005-27** which is an interlocal agreement to provide mutual aid fire investigative and protection services for the counties of Harvey, Butler, McPherson, Reno, Marion, and Sedgwick.

Roy Patton, Director of Harvey County Solid Waste Department, presented the solid waste plan:

1. Electronics recycling is in place now, but commercial recycling will be added. Bags would be distributed to businesses and then when the full bags come in to the landfill, they are weighed and identified, and the business would be given credit against their solid waste fee.
2. Grocery stores, school districts, and restaurants will be given biodegradable bags for food and other biodegradable waste. Plastic containers will obviously need to be kept separate from this biodegradable trash. This would enable the biodegradable trash to be composted. Credit against the solid waste fee would again be an incentive.
3. After recycling as much as possible, the leftover material would be incinerated to produce sellable energy. Landfill gas could also possibly be used to produce energy.

Kathryn Hannemann, Director of Department on Aging, presented plans for providing freezer meals for seniors in Harvey County. The Department is asking for authorization to apply for a \$10,000 grant to begin the start-up of this program. The meals would be provided for Harvey County Residents 60 years and older, who are unable to prepare a meal for themselves.

Commissioner Meier moved that Ms Hannemann be authorized to apply for the grant.

Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Meier moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member