

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 17, 2006

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 17, 2006 with Commissioner Meier and Commissioner Krehbiel present. Chairperson Roberson was absent. Vice-Chairman Meier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

There were no new items added to the agenda.

The minutes of the April 10, 2006 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Meier. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. A letter outlining the preparations for a possible pandemic flu outbreak was presented to the Commissioners for approval. The letter will be sent to prospective committee members of the pandemic flu committee requesting they serve on the committee. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve and sign the letter and Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
2. The second reading for an appointment to the RSVP Citizen Advisory Board was presented. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Susan Gillespie to the RSVP Advisory Board and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the appointment. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
4. Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, recommended the extension of the burn ban for Harvey County for another seven days because of continued dry conditions and unseasonably warm temperatures. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to extend the ban and Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
5. Tom Williams and Jim Entz, representatives from Asbury Park, formerly known as Friendly Acres, requested the Commission sign a letter of endorsement for the Green House project. This would enable Asbury Park to apply for state tax credits. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to endorse the application and sign the letter. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
6. Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, presented an agreement from BNSF Railway for Project No. 40 X-2530-01, for improvements to the crossing of the BNSF Railway Company's tracks and 12th Street in Newton. The County will be responsible for the advanced warning signs. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

CITIZEN S'FORUM:

Robert Baumgartner, citizen of Macon Township, attended the meeting in order to request special permission to burn on his land which is located one and a half mile south of Highway 50 on Ridge Road. He would like to burn a brush pile that is surrounded by tilled land. The Commissioners informed him that special approval may be given to burn if it is for agricultural purposes. Lonnie Buller agreed to call the Newton Fire Department and help Mr. Baumgartner obtain the permission needed.

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

Harvey County Administrator Craig Simons and Todd Loescher, representative from D.A. Davidson Co. presented information regarding an application for no interest CREB (Clean Renewable Energy Bond) to help fund a Waste-to-Energy Plant in Harvey County. Principal payments of the bond would be spread over fifteen years. The application must be turned in by April 26. Intended bond buyers would receive a tax credit. The County has received four proposals for construction of the plant, two for incineration and two for gasification and pyrolysis. The advantages of incineration are that the feedstock does not require extensive preparation as opposed to gasification/pyrolysis which does require extensive preparation. The operating costs for the incinerator would appear to about break even. The gasification/pyrolysis system would be more costly for the initial set up and incineration would have more costs on air pollution control equipment. Harvey County has some funding set aside that will cover the operating costs of the plant, but funding to build the plant is still uncertain. One possibility is to raise both the tipping fees at the transfer station and the countywide solid waste fee. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to apply for a CREB Bond. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, presented the specifications for a Wheel Excavator and a new or used late model dump truck. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the specifications as set and send out the bid requests. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion.

The Commission recessed the meeting to attend the Legislative Luncheon at Charlie s Restaurant.

At 1:00 p.m. the Commission signed the fence viewing decision that was made last week. The dispute was between Mr. & Mrs. Delmar Blubaugh and James Wilson, Wichita Sportsman Club

Commissioner Krehbiel moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member