MINUTES OF

JOINT HARVEY COUNTY / CITY OF NEWTON MEETING

December 12, 2006

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. A request for tax abatement was received from Martin Machine and Welding, Inc.
2. Scott Davies, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented a clarification from Thomas Morey regarding possible changes to the flood plain boundaries. The maps are being digitized and there will be a few changes to the floodplain boundaries. There is a stretch along Sand Creek within Newton from 24th Street South to the railroad tracks that is being re-delineated.
3. Mr. Davies submitted a list of the Harvey County Regional Planning Commission vacancies. Several names were suggested to fill the vacant positions.
4. Commissioner Westfall had a meeting with representatives from the Harvey County Historical Society. It will be approximately two years before the Society would apply for any grants for structural renovations for the building.
5. Craig Simons attended a Council of State Governments Conference in Phoenix, AZ. The Kansas Collaborative pharmaceutical program was presented an innovation award.
6. The Township meeting at the Road & Bridge Department will be held December 4 at 6:30 p.m.
7. The Visioneering Wichita meeting will be held December 7 at 4:00 p.m. at City Arts in Wichita.
8. There will be an open house at the Halstead Hospital at 4:00 p.m. on December 12, 2006.

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

At 10:00 a.m. a public hearing was held for the issuance of Long Term Care Facility Bonds for Asbury Park in Newton. The bonds are not to exceed $4,500,000. In addition to Tom Williams, Director of Asbury Park, Bob Jackson was in attendance and asked several questions about the issuance of the bonds. The public hearing was closed at 10:24 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution #2006-27**, issuing Long Term Care Facility Bonds for Asbury Park in Newton, not to exceed $4,500,000. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The Commissioners left at 10:30 a.m. to attend the Quad-County meeting at the Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita.

The Commission reconvened at 2:30 p.m. in the Commission Room. Sheriff Byron Motter presented information regarding the inmate population for the Harvey County Detention Center. There are a total of 16 staff positions at the detention center and there are currently four positions open. They are having difficulty filling the positions, three of which need to be female. In addition, there are two staff employees that are actively looking for other jobs. The staff is starting to rotate

shifts in an effort to keep the morale up. Sheriff Motter does not feel that Harvey County needs any additional jail space at this time.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

ATTEST: Member

County Clerk Member