

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 11, 2006

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on December 11, 2006 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. after the REAP meeting.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. T. Walton has submitted his resignation as Director of the Child Advocacy Center.
2. Northview Developmental Center is in the process of selling all of the programs they direct to ResCare Inc., which is a for profit service organization. ResCare does not want to own the property so the Northview Foundation will lease the group homes to them. Northview will continue as the CDDO for the present time, but they will not continue as a service provider. The newly formed Harvey-Marion County CDDO, after implementation, will function as a quasi-governmental system which will be much more visible. Marlene Beeson will assume all the financial responsibilities of the CDDO. An agreement will need to be drawn up by mid-April for both Marion and Harvey Counties, implementing the new CDDO. The Northview building is owned by Harvey County, so a decision will also have to be made on what to do with the building.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Bryan Chamberlain has dropped his request to put in an adult entertainment business at the corner of Ridge Road and West Highway 50.
2. The clock specialist has recommended that Harvey County purchase a drum for the clock if there are plans to restore the old courthouse tower clock. The Commission made a decision not to spend any money on the clock until someone steps forward with a specific restoration plan.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept and sign an agreement with Prairie View to provide services to Harvey County. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. The Commissioners signed a letter of support for Mirror Inc. to serve as a residential recovery center for federal prisoners.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Roberson will attend a retirement reception for Carolyn Carter, who is retiring from the Health Department.
2. The Commissioners will attend an open house at the old Halstead Hospital on December 12.

The Commissioners attended the Harvey County Courthouse Christmas Dinner at 11:30 a.m.

At 1:30 p.m. a public hearing was held in the Community Room for the annexation for Harvey County Water District #1. The following citizens were in attendance: Ronald W. Sheffler, Louis Funk, Richard Prouty, Jerry and Carolyn Schroeder, UnildaMoffatt, M. Meyer, Helma Smith, Robert and Loretta Coleman, Nelson Dreier, Marilyn Cavassa, Lois J. Unruh, Bonnie Sauerwein, Wilbur Sauerwein, Maurice Meirowsky, Merrill Harms, Fred Stuart, Mike Weber, Bill Weber, Annita Weber, Mildred Prouty, Sandra Dreier, Reinhard Regier, Carolyn Regier, Audra D. Hall, David West, Tim West, Donna Wells, Joan Dreier, Robert E. Simmons, Nancy Blindauer, Jim Krehbiel, Al Isaac, Brian Olander, Armin Samuelson, Terry Graber, Lawrence and Betty Bartel, Bev Frary, Robert A Dreier, Dorothy Koch, Vern Koch, Lloyd Vogt, Gerald Vogt, Kerry Vogt, Ryan Vogt, Jerry Jantz, Janice Camp, Sher Klassen Neufeld, Norma Jean Nebergall, Stanley Vogt, Annette Lamp, Kenneth Umholtz, Willard Umholtz, Arnold Vogt, Earl Ewy, Gerry Schrag, William Prouty, Mary Alice Midstokke, Mark Weaver, Gary Jones, and Jana McKinney. Jim Gillmore, Attorney for the annexation, gave the audience the location of the areas of the annexation. The area lies south of Hesston to First Street and west of K-15. The residents in this area have had multiple water problems such as chloride contamination, extremely hard water, dry wells, and water with taste and odor. Three water wells have been drilled for Water District #1 and the water has been tested and found to be of good quality. There will be a pipeline that will connect with the wells and come out at Zimmerdale. Louis Funk, Engineer for Bartlett and West, explained that there are 10 observation wells to monitor for contamination. The Equus Beds Groundwater Management District has approved of the wells. There have been 110 water users that have signed up and paid the fee for a hook up to the line. The wells have enough capacity to handle 2,000 water users. With the annexation, there will be approximately 1,000 users. The initial hook-up fee was \$2,500. The fee is now increased to \$3,900.

After a lengthy discussion, the public hearing was closed at 2:15 p.m. At the request of Commissioner Westfall, the County Clerk attested that each landowner received the proper notification of the hearing. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to adopt the order to attach adjoining lands to Water District #1. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Levi Goossen presented the contract for indigent defense council. The amount contracted is \$120,000. There are currently eight attorneys who serve on the council. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Courtney Becker, Director of Communications, updated the Commissioners regarding the Communications Department. They continue to work on the network radio upgrade. They are still trying to locate some of the landowners for easements. There is a study being done about the possibility of locating a tower at Springlake Road and US Highway 50.

Craig Simons informed the Commission that he had talked with Doug King regarding the waste-to-energy plant. The boiler would have to be sized for 60 tons per day or 300 tons per day, with anything in between having to be custom manufactured. Marion County has shown some interest in bringing some tonnage to Harvey County to be incinerated. Stutzman Refuse Disposal could also bring in some waste from Sedgwick County.

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

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member