

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 21, 2006

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 21, 2006 with all three Commissioners present. Chairperson Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Meier suggested that we consider rehabilitating the bridge at twin corners rather than completely replacing the bridge, which would enable the county to fix the bridge at a lesser cost. The bridge is on the federal five-year bridge replacement plan.

The minutes of the February 13, 2006 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Meier. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. On the recommendation of Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, Commissioner Krehbiel moved to extend the burn ban in the County for another week. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Commissioner Meier made a motion that the burn ban could be lifted within the seven days on the discretion of Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
2. Craig Simons presented a temporary drainage easement from Paul and Fern Koehn. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the easement and Commissioner Meier seconded the motion with the corrections noted. Passed unanimously.
3. Craig Simons presented the first reading for Eva Lee Butin and Felix Cormier, applicants for the RSVP Citizen s 'Advisory Board.
4. Harvey County s 'share for the fair fares campaign will be \$2,500. However, nothing will be sent in until the legislature approves the bill.
5. The submittal deadline for proposals for the waste-to-energy project has been extended to March 3, 2006.
6. There will be a joint meeting of the Board of Harvey County Commissioners and Newton City Commissioners on February 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a discussion regarding the possibility of a local sales tax increase. Several leaders from the six smaller cities of Harvey County have been invited to attend.

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

Marion Rowland and Tom Zogleman, representatives from Harvey County Parks, presented a proposal from Hale's Sales & Service for a used Hustler Super Z, rear discharge deck. With the trade of a 1996 Dixie Chopper, the cost would be \$6,887.92. Commissioner Meier moved to approve the request for the purchase. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding the pros and cons of a countywide sales tax versus a Newton Citywide sales tax ensued. Craig will check into the statutory requirements of a distribution system based on population for a countywide sales tax.

At 11:15 a.m. the Commissioners went to the Health Department for lunch.

Commissioner Meier moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Chairperson Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member