

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 23, 2006

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 23, 2006 with all three Commissioners present. Chairperson Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the Boy Scout Jamboree last weekend at Harvey County West Park was very well managed and went very well. The fires were well contained and there were no problems with the fire threat. They were very respectful of the Parks and the rules.
2. There will be a public hearing tonight at the Halstead City Council meeting regarding the proposed annexation adjacent to the Wedgwood Golf Course. None of the County Commissioners will attend.
3. Lonnie Buller will be the only representative from Harvey County attending the Homeland Security Seminar at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita.

The minutes of the January 16, 2006 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Meier. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. At the recommendation of Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to extend the burn ban for another seven days. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Commissioner Meier made a motion to sign **Resolution #2006-7**, establishing the salaries for Harvey County Department Heads beginning January 14, 2006. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Farm Bureau will be hosting a breakfast meeting at the Breadbasket on February 6, 2006. All three Commissioners will attend.
4. The new Commercial recycling program is having some trouble identifying the recycling bags among the other trash. Roy Patton, Director, is searching for ways to better identify the bags.
5. The Central Kansas Regional Solid Waste Authority was in statutory violation for not filing the proposed plan with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. However, John Waltner checked with Bob Carlson, who is the Chairman of the group, and reported that the report has been filed and the group is now in compliance, however an annual review will also have to be filed by April 30, 2006.

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

Jim Meier, Engineering Technician from the Road & Bridge Department, presented the results of a traffic study made at the intersection of NW 12th Street and Meridian Road. There have been several injury accidents and one fatality at the intersection. The study was performed last April and the recommendation is that the intersection become a four way stop. There was a study performed at the same intersection in 1995, and the speed limit on Meridian Road was reduced as a result. However, according to the most recent study, the average speed is still 60 mph. The intersection is very close to Newton High School and therefore is used by a lot of younger drivers. Commissioner Meier made a motion to accept the recommendations of the study done by TranSystems Corporation and approve the implementation of a four way stop at the intersection. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Meier made a motion to accept and authorize the Chairperson to sign project No. 40 X-2529-01 and project No. 40 X-2528-01 to upgrade the rail crossings on SW 24th St and on SW 36th & Meridian. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Meier moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member