

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 24, 2006

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 24, 2006. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Roberson and Commissioner Krehbiel were present. At 9:00 a.m. new Commissioner, George A. Chip Westfall, was sworn in by Magistrate Judge Steve Hilgers. Mr. Westfall was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Kenneth Meier, Commissioner from the 1st District.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. The extreme high temperatures recently have caused NE 36th Street to deteriorate. Repairs need to be made.

The minutes of the July 17 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Commissioner Westfall as the Vice-Chairman of the Commission and to serve on the Aviation Board and the REAP Board. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Community Developmentally Disabled Organization task force will meet at 2:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Community Room on July 25. Chairman Roberson briefed Commissioner Westfall regarding why the task force was formed.
2. There will be a KDOT meeting on August 2 to consult with local governments regarding the upcoming projects for this area.
3. Craig Simons presented the first reading for reappointments to the Harvey County Aging Council. Commissioner Krehbiel motioned to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the reappointments of Robert Carlton, Marvin Ewert, Dorothy Layton, Eva May McGee, and Orlyn Zehr. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
4. Craig Simons presented a change order contract in the amount of \$10,000 from RMT, the engineering firm contracted to evaluate the Waste-to-Energy project. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the change order. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
5. APAC is starting a milling and overlay project along Ridge Road in Hesston and Sedgwick. Also included is the airport parking lot project and overlay for Oliver Road, which runs in front of the airport. The project was previously approved by the Commission. Chairman Roberson signed the agreement between the contractor and the owner.

The policy on hard-surfacing Roads in the County was provided for the Commissioners. Chairman Roberson has talked with Al Penner, Chairman of the North Newton City Council, regarding the

possibility of North Newton annexing the property that includes the Newton Municipal Golf Course on NE 36th Street. The decision regarding the possibility of surfacing the Road has been delayed until North Newton has a chance to research the situation.

After observing the traffic flow at the intersection of 12th and Meridian, Commissioner Krehbiel continues to be concerned about the safety of drivers there. The intersection has been made into a four-way stop after many years of having stop signs on 12th street only. He feels that the stop signs may be too small to catch the attention of the drivers who are not used to stopping when traveling north or south. Commissioner Westfall also observed drivers running the stop signs at the intersection. After talking with Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, and Jim Meier, Engineering Technician, the Commission has suggested placing larger stop signs at the Meridian Street portion of the intersection in addition to the new flashing light.

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

Paul Ferguson, Engineer from Poe & Associates, opened bids for the Harvey County road sealing project for 2006. There is 7.5 miles of road surface to be sealed. The following bids were received:

1.	Ballou Construction-	Cationic Quickset Slurry Seal	\$165,000
		Latex Modified Micro-Surfacing	212,500
2.	Beachner Construction-	Cationic Quickset Slurry Seal	\$129,650
		Latex Modified Micro-Surfacing	153,750

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the bid from Beachner Construction for the Latex Modified Micro-Surfacing at a cost of \$153,750. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mike Weber, Executive Council Chairman, presented the Extension Council budget as revised from what was presented last week. Ann Religa, Susan Jackson, Gail Lanier, and Steve McGinn attended. The budget was re-presented with only a 3% salary increase and 1% overhead increase. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the budget with an increase of 2%, the same increase the State of Kansas was giving the Extension Council. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 2 to 1, with Commissioner Westfall dissenting.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session at 10:53 a.m. for a period of 55 minutes. No action was taken during executive session. After executive session ended, Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Greg Nye to the position of County Counselor, with a probationary period of one year. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

The Commissioners have made arrangements to ride in the Fair Parade in an antique fire engine.

The Commissioners will meet Thursday for an all day meeting to finalize the budget. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. The public budget hearing will be held on August 14, 2006.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. At 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Westfall seconded. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member