

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 8, 2006

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 8, 2006 with all three Commissioners present. Chairperson Roberson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. The resolution for affordable airfares has been passed. Information from Joe Yeager at the REAP meeting indicated that \$25,000,000 in funding will be coming from KDOT.
2. The City of Halstead is seeking to acquire the Halstead Hospital facility. Commissioner Meier suggested that the County and City of Halstead could possibly work together and provide energy for the facility from the waste-to-energy project.
3. Lloyd and Debbie Stoddard, Harvey County employees, received the Go an Extra Mile Award from the Girl Scouts of Golden Plains Appreciation Council. Commissioner Krehbiel requested that the BOCC send them a congratulatory letter.
4. The equus beds recharge project is underway and some of the roads being used by the contractors are becoming impassible. Commissioner Krehbiel has received complaints about the condition of the roads. The City of Wichita is in charge of the project.

The minutes of the May 1, 2006 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. The motion was passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner presented a letter of commendation to Diana Knopf, Harvey County Communications Department dispatcher. Ms. Knopf was named 2005 Kansas Telecommunicator of the Year for her handling of the 911 calls surrounding the incident on April 9, 2005, which claimed the life of Sheriff's Deputy, Kurt Ford and injured officer Chris Eilert. Courtney Becker, Director of Communications, and Don Gruver, Assistant Director, were present for the reading of the commendation.
2. Rita Flickinger, Director of the Health Department, reported that there are four confirmed cases of measles in Harvey County. Dr. Angela Wong, Kansas Department of Health, was in Harvey County last weekend developing a contact list. No commonality has been found so far. These are the first reported cases of measles in the United States in the last six years. The Health Department has received 2500 doses of vaccine from the KDHE. The State has requested that Harvey County participate in the IZ program which is an immunization registry.
3. The four-way stop signals for the intersection of 12th St and Meridian will be functional this week.
4. The State Legislature should vote either today or tomorrow on the bill to allow Harvey County to vote on an additional 1% countywide sales tax.

CITIZEN S'FORUM:

Several citizens attended the Commission meeting to express concern regarding Northview Developmental Center operating as the CDDO, which is the Community Developmentally Disabled Organization designated by the Board of County Commissioners, to insure that all developmentally disabled residents receive services from an affiliated provider. Those in attendance were Evelyn Adams, North Newton, and Robbin Allen, Deric Allen, Stephanie Frazier, Jennifer Jantz, Zachary Jantz, and Karla Stauffer from Newton. Evelyn Adams read a statement of concern regarding the lack of services being provided by Northview Developmental Center. The consensus of the citizens was that there was a conflict of interest regarding NDCI being both the CDDO and an affiliate service provider. The concern is that mentally retarded and developmentally disabled citizens are being denied services because as the CDDO, NDCI designates what services will be provided and what affiliate will provide them. Chairperson Roberson asked that the Board of Commissioners be given 30 more days to study the issue further and allow the restructurization of management at NDCI to implement any changes they plan to make.

Jonie James, Scott Eckert, and Ann Religa from the Harvey County Extension Council presented the report for January through April, 2006. The report cites the outcomes of the many programs the Extension Council is implementing. Commissioner Krehbiel commended the Council for the Earth Day Program held at Harvey County West Park.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:17 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 1:15. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into Executive Session for thirty minutes regarding personnel matters. At 1:45 p.m. the executive session ended. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to offer the position of Planning & Zoning Director to Scott Davies, who is currently the Harvey County Environmental Officer. Commissioner Meier seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. After the vote was taken, Commissioner Meier left the meeting to attend another appointment.

Commissioner Krehbiel Made a motion to approve warrant checks. Chairperson Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Chairperson Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member