

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**October 9, 2006**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in an afternoon session on October 9, 2006 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall and Chairman Roberson will attend the REAP Economic Summit meeting on Friday at the Airport Hilton.
2. Commissioner Westfall received a citizen complaint regarding Eastlake Road on the blacktop before the tunnel. Commissioner Westfall asked Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, to check the road to see if it needs crack sealed before the winter weather.

Minutes of the October 2, 2006 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. The motion was passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Craig presented the first reading for James R. Gundy, who has made application to be appointed to the Mental Health Advisory Board.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes at 3:52 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. No action was taken during executive session. After the close of the executive session, Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to extend the contract for Craig Simons, Harvey County Administrator for another three years. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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

John Torline, North Newton City Administrator, presented consent for annexation of the roadway and bike path from Harvey County from the north side of Sand Creek to North 24<sup>th</sup> Street, and 24<sup>th</sup> Street west to the North Newton City Limits. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the annexation. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The subject of paving NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street that goes by the Newton Municipal Golf Course was brought up while John Torline was here. The Golf Course would have to seek annexation to North Newton before the road could be paved by Harvey County and maintained by North Newton. The Commission also needs to define the policy for what would be required for the County to hard surface a specific county road.

Phil Adams presented the bid specifications for the purchase of a new one ton pickup and a diesel

fueled melter applicator which applies asphalt sealant. The Commissioners approved the specifications, so the bid specifications will be sent to potential bidders.

The Commissioners received a report from Scott Davies, Environmental Officer, regarding sewage issues at Pete's Puddle. After inspecting the site, he found no permit violations.

The Commission recessed for dinner at 5:15 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing regarding the Service Extension Plan provided by the City of Newton after the annexation of Hidden Meadows, Royer West, and Lazy Creek additions on the west side of Newton in August of 2001. As required by state statute, a hearing must be held five years after the annexation to assure that all the requirements of the Service Extension Plan provided by the City of Newton have been met. Notices were sent to all of the property owners within the annexed area, and those attending were Fawn and Edwarda Manring and Joe Black. Tim Johnson, Community Development Director, represented the City of Newton. County did a great service five years ago when the annexation was done. Mr. Manring commended the County and City for annexing the area providing better services without over-burdening the taxpayers. Prior to the annexation, there was not enough water, and the sewer system was not adequate. Mr. Manring brought up some issues that he felt needed to be dealt with. There is only one street light in Lazy Creek and none in Hidden Meadows. Mr. Johnson advised that street lights have to be requested from the City and the request is forwarded to the power company, and the power company then installs them. The median on Lazy Creek Drive does not get mowed regularly and the trees need to be replaced and replanted. There are some steel rods that are among the trees that someone could get hurt on. Lazy Creek only has one entrance that comes off of Hwy 50, and Mr. Manring feels that there should be another entrance. Mr. Johnson advised that KDOT will not allow Cow Palace Road to be extended north of Highway 50, but there is a possibility of constructing an access road off of Meridian west to Lazy Creek. Joe Black expressed concern about the turn around area on the north end of Lazy Creek Drive. Someone is parking an RV in that area. He also feels there should be more police patrols. Mr. Black is also concerned about the stumps and posts in the Median area. In regards to the entrance, he asked if the shoulder of Hwy 50 was a legitimate turn lane. Mr. Johnson advised that it is not a turn lane, and there would have to be a petition submitted to KDOT in order to try to get one. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to affirm that the City of Newton has completed their five-year service plan for the annexation. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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Chairman

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ATTEST: Member

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County Clerk Member