

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 18, 2006

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 18, 2006 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Council of Governments will meet September 21, 2006 in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room. The Kansas Collaborative effort will be discussed.
2. The task force that was organized to evaluate the effectiveness of Northview as the county appointed CDDO and also a service provider will meet Tuesday, September 19 in the Courthouse Community Room.
3. A retirement reception for Mary Grace Coslett, who is retiring from the Appraiser s' Office, will be held Friday, September 22, 2006. Commissioner Westfall will represent the Commissioners and present her with a County plaque.

Minutes of the September 11, 2006 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. The motion was passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The County has received a bill from a psychologist who provided services for the Greg Moore trial. This expense will be paid out of the General fund, which may make it necessary to amend the budget before the end of the year.
2. Jim Wimmer, Newton resident, wrote an editorial in the Newton Kansan which raised questions about the proposed waste-to-energy project in Harvey County. Chairman Roberson will contact Mr. Wimmer to answer the questions raised in the article.
3. After a records destruction request was presented by the County Clerk s' Office, Commissioner Westfall made a motion to destroy voted ballots from the April 7, 1992 Presidential Preference Primary, and the August 2, 1988 Primary Election. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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

At 10:00 a.m. a public hearing was held regarding the vacation and closing of Brown Street and a portion of Belle Street located in the unincorporated area north of the Little Arkansas River and north of the City of Halstead. Those in attendance for the hearing were Pam Brown, Kevin Williamson, Wilbert Bud Penner, John Weber, Eddie Weber, Beth Vannatta, Katherine Mayfield, Bill Mayfield; Brad Jantz, Halstead City Attorney, and J. R. Hatfield, Halstead City Administrator. Eddie Weber, landowner on both sides of the road, has requested the closing in order to extend pivot irrigation to the farm ground. J. R. Hatfield, Halstead City Mayor, informed the Commission that the City of Halstead has plans to construct a walking trail on the north side of the river in the area. Mr. Hatfield also expressed concern in the area of public safety. There would be only one access to the area if the road were closed. The road is currently in very bad condition and almost impassible. The

area has become a dumping ground and a play area for four-wheelers. If the road vacation were granted Mr. Weber has plans to make provisions for drainage, and a portion of Brown Street would still allow access for emergency vehicles if necessary. After a lengthy discussion of the issues involved in the area, Eddie Weber asked the audience if the road were moved, if anyone would have an objection. There was more discussion, but no decision was made.

Park Board representatives Glen Hershberger, Walt Silvernale, Dorothy Zook, and Carol Buller, in addition to Tom Zogleman, Supervisor at Harvey County Parks, discussed the rehabilitation of Harvey County East Lake. The Park Board has been considering different options of what needs to be done to preserve the life of the lake. Raising the lake level by nine inches at a cost of \$126,000 would extend the life of the lake by fourteen years. Dredging the lake would cost approximately \$300,000. The Park Board proposes that by combining the two options, a more cost effective solution could be achieved. The Parks Department is currently in the process of having the silt tested to make sure there is no contamination. The Parks Board will attempt to discern whether this project would meet the criteria for State and Federal grant money, and whether there is money actually available. There is also a possibility that the Whitewater River Watershed District could share costs on the project. The Park Board requested that the Commission keep them informed of future developments.

The Commissioners left at 11:00 a.m. for the Central Plains Quad-County Planning Meeting at the Crosswinds Conference Center in Hesston.

The Commission reconvened at 2:15 to hear a request to split off approximately five acres in section 3 of Halstead Township to construct a single family dwelling. Edward A. Koehn has requested the split under the provision mentioned in Article 9.05 of the Harvey County Unified Development Code. Mr. Koehn owns a Turkey Farm next to this acreage. The acreage was considered difficult to farm under provisions of Article 9.05, and the Planning Commission voted in favor of recommending approval of the split-off to the Board of Harvey County Commissioners. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the building permit for the five acres. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member