

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 25, 2006

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 25, 2006 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Chairman Roberson wrote a letter to Jim Wimmer in response to an editorial published in the Newton Kansan raising questions about the proposed waste-to-energy project. The letter addressed the questions raised.
2. Tom Thull sent an e-mail advising of several tax issues that will be reviewed by the legislative interim tax committee.
3. The Commissioners will attend the Renewable Energy Conference in Topeka beginning Tuesday, September 26 and ending Wednesday, September 27.

Minutes of the September 18, 2006 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. The motion was passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. David Seay, a clock restoration expert from Manhattan, has located a main barrel and a time barrel in New England that would work on the old courthouse clock. The barrels are extremely rare and hard to find and without those barrels, it would be extremely difficult to repair the clock. The pieces would cost about \$2,500 plus approximately \$500 freight. Mr. Seay would like to come to Harvey County to check the clock pieces that we have and determine if and how much it would cost to restore the clock. Mr. Seay has agreed to look at the clock on Thursday, September 28, 2006 at a cost of about \$800.00. He will give a recommendation on whether the clock can be refurbished and an approximate cost of the restoration. Chairman Roberson made a motion to hire Mr. Seay to give an estimate on what it would cost to repair the clock at a cost not to exceed \$800 including mileage. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
2. The Aviation Commission has recommended raising the limit to refurbish Hangar J North from \$350,000 to \$500,000 to accommodate an airplane paint shop. They are also proposing that the lease agreement be extended from five years to ten years. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Aviation Commission for an amount up to and not to exceed \$500,000 to refurbish Hangar J North at the Newton City/County Airport to accommodate the paint shop. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
3. The public hearing for protest of delinquent solid waste fees was held at 10:00 a.m. Rhonda Gnatowski, Solid Waste Clerk, presented a list of delinquencies to the Commissioners. No one attended to protest, however, by state statute, a hearing must be held annually to allow citizens to have the solid waste fee reconsidered by the Board. The public hearing was closed at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion for

- the County Clerk to proceed in collection of the solid waste fees. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
4. The Commissioners received a letter from the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Property Valuation, informing them that the Harvey County Appraiser's Office has met the criteria and is in compliance with K.S.A. 79-1445.
 5. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to re-open the hearing on delinquent solid waste fees. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. James Hultman, rural citizen of Harvey County, protested having to pay the fee when they do not use the landfill. Commissioner Westfall moved and Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion to close the public hearing. Passed unanimously.

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

John Waltner presented the Regional Area Partnership Interlocal Agreement, which amends the by-laws to accommodate the changing needs of the partnership. It will allow the addition of a new officer for the organization, establishing the appointment of a Treasurer. It also establishes REAP as a separate entity, much like any city or municipality. This agreement will be sent to the Attorney General's office at the end of October. Chairman Roberson moved to sign the interlocal agreement. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Member

County Clerk

Member