

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

**February 12, 2007**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 12, 2007 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel attended an "Eggs and Issues" meeting with Kansas Senator Carolyn McGinn and Kansas Representative Don Schroeder on Saturday morning. There was some concern about who is responsible for overseeing the Equus Beds Recharge Project. The City of Wichita is in charge of the project but Groundwater Management District #2 would have some oversight. Although the City of Wichita owns all the equipment and buildings for the project, none of them are on the Harvey County tax roll.
2. Brian Krehbiel, who is an opponent of the route chosen by Westar for the 345 kilovolt high-capacity transmission line, also attended the "Eggs and Issues" meeting. After the meeting he met with an engineer from the KCC and Bob St. John and Kelly Harrison, representatives with Westar Energy.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the moratorium on coal-fired power plants did not pass in the legislature.
4. Commissioner Roberson suggested that the folding curtains which divide the Community Room be replaced. It was also suggested that wireless microphones would be helpful for meetings in the Community Room.
5. The Commissioners will determine an itinerary for a breakfast meeting with Todd Tiaht.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The CDDO transition team will meet on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. A meeting regarding the casino issue will be held on February 22 in Wellington.
3. Laura Wiebold, KU grad student on local government, will interview Commissioner Roberson.
4. The North Newton City Building open house will be held at 4:30 this afternoon.
5. The Commissioners have received an invitation from Barbara Bunting to attend a meeting for Community Leaders to be held on February 15 at the Capital Plaza in Topeka.

Craig Simons and Commissioner Westfall attended the public and private partnership meeting, where they discussed issues with the West Side Task Force.

The minutes of the February 5 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Chairman Westfall. It was passed unanimously.

Craig Simons attended the Newton City Commission Meeting where one of the Agenda Items was

the rezoning of a parcel of land near the Harvey County Landfill. Although the property was annexed in January, the property has now been approved for residential zoning. The City of Newton owns the property and disposes of sewage sludge on the property.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Craig Simons presented a change order for \$10,000 from RMT, the engineering group studying the figures for the waste-to-energy project. Harvey County is waiting to receive updated figures for the project from Gene McCracken, PEDCO Co. Engineer. The change order was tabled until we receive the figures.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to pass **Resolution 2007-7** extending the temporary moratorium on the construction of any structure within the designated breach impact area of a low hazard dam in Harvey County. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Charlie Summers, Fiscal Officer, and Liz Sauerwein, representative from the Communications Department, will represent Harvey County at Career Day at the Newton High School on Wednesday, February 14. Career Day is sponsored by the EDC.

Warrant checks for 2006 & 2007 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Passed unanimously.

Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, informed the Commission that AT&T has agreed to donate a used 115kw generator to Harvey County. Richard Shank, representative from AT&T, contacted the County to see if they were interested in it. Mr. Buller, Rick Van Rossun, a Sheriff Officer who has experience with this type of equipment with the Kansas Army National Guard, and Courtney Becker, Director of Communications looked at the generator and determined that it was in good condition. The generator has been used since 1957, but has only 1,000 hours on it. AT&T will remove it from the building where it is currently housed and load it on a truck next Tuesday. It is a very large generator and has two 275 gallon fuel tanks that go with it. It has been well-maintained and has the service records and instruction manuals also. The Board suggested the generator and tanks be mounted on a trailer, and the generator would then be mobile for emergency use.

Several citizens attended the meeting to discuss the route of the high voltage transmission line. Terry Jacob, Mike McGinn, and Clyde Young were in attendance. After talking with Larry Powell at the REAP meeting, Commissioner Roberson made a suggestion to contact Westar about constructing a sub-station near where the waste-to-energy project is to be located. Commissioner Krehbiel suggested that the route of the new line should follow the existing line path north of Halstead. No more land would have to be torn up and folks are used to the existing line. The appeals will have to be made to the KCC as Westar has already filed their plan with them. Mr. Jacob has proposed that the line in western Harvey County routes 3, 7, and 12 should be moved ½ mile to the west. All expressed frustration that the route was chosen with not much communication with the citizens affected.

At 2:55 p.m., Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss

property acquisition for a period of 10 minutes. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. No action was taken during executive session which ended at 3:10 p.m.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. and Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Member

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County Clerk

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Member