

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

**October 20, 2008**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 20, 2008 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss the possible acquisition of real estate. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were Mickey Fornaro-Dean, John Waltner, and Greg Nye, County Counselor. Executive session ended at 8:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

Marion Rowland, Director of Parks, Larry Schmidt, Park Board member, and Cass Miller, East Lake Park Supervisor, presented the final plans for the hunting program at East Park. Each hunter will receive a copy of the rules and a map of the areas where hunting is allowed. Permits will be sold on a first come, first serve basis at the Administration Office in the Courthouse. Harvey County Park regulations will be amended at next week's Commission meeting to make sure they comply with state hunting rules. The Park Board will need to obtain insurance before the hunting commences. Commissioner Westfall made a motion for the Harvey County Parks Department and the Park Board to proceed with the regulations, obtain insurance, and then return to the Commission with final required documents. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall suggested the Commission go into executive session later today to discuss personnel issues.

The minutes of the October 6 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Chairman Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. The Commissioners signed thank you letters to be sent to each of the members of the dam breach impact area committee to thank them for their work in amending regulations for construction in dam breach areas.
2. The Commission signed the Industrial Revenue Bonds, which were approved in a prior Commission meeting, for Schaben Industries.
3. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to appoint Commissioner Roberson as voting delegate and Joyce Truskett as alternate delegate for the KAC meeting. Chairman Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. The Annual Township meeting will be held on December 1 at the Road and Bridge Department.
5. The Annual Harvey County Christmas luncheon will be held on December 8 in the Courthouse Community Room.

6. Marion County is considering transferring their trash to Butler County. They are also voting on a sales tax to fund the construction of a new detention center.
7. Health insurance quotes for Harvey County from insurance providers are due today.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Eric Runyan, resident of Chisholm Lane, spoke with the commission with regard to the upgrade on the road being done by the Road & Bridge Department. The drainage ditches have been dug out on the south end of the road, but not the north end. Phil Adams stated that there is further work to be done on the drainage problem. The culvert needs to be dug up and lowered as there is water being retained in the area to the north. Mr. Runyan was also under the impression that there was to be a speed limit of 20 mph on the road. The Commission will study prior recordings of minutes to determine if that was what was decided. Craig Simons and Phil Adams said that there would have to be an engineering study done before the speed limit can be changed. Mr. Runyan stated that the Commission had agreed to install a cul-de-sac at the north end of the road and a hammer head had been installed instead. Phil Adams said he called the school district and they said that a hammer head was adequate for a bus turn around. The road was also to have been made a two-lane road and it is still a one lane. There is a sprinkler head that may have to be relocated to do that. The road is planned for a 20 foot roadway. Mr. Runyan suggested that the dog leg in the road be straightened. Craig said that Road and Bridge would have to work with what is there. Phil said the estimate was to work with the road as it is, not to build a completely new road.

Warrant checks for October 13 and October 17 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Davies presented a FEMA program that would enable the County to obtain a Community Rating. Being a participant of the program would enable residents to obtain flood insurance with at least a 5% reduction in cost. There are several steps that the County would need to take in order to participate in this program. Application would need to be made in either October or May, and we would aim for May. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to proceed with the application to the Community rating system and appoint Scott Davies as the coordinator. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session at 10:25 a.m. for a period of five minutes to discuss personnel issues. Greg Nye, John Waltner, Charlie Summers, and Linda Kientz, Personnel Director, were in attendance. Executive session ended at 10:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

Craig Simons presented a plan to appoint an ad hoc steering committee for the proposed fairgrounds development. Possible suggestions were Commissioner Roberson, Rich Denno, Tim Johnson, Sandy Frazier, Sharon Arellano, and Tanis Unruh. The Committee would also need to include the Fair Board President and a member from the Extension Council. Commissioner Roberson suggested that an eleven member committee might be better than a nine member.

There would also be sub-committees formed to handle specific needs of the project. It is also very important that each Building Commission member and Committee member be committed to attend the meetings and be involved in all phases. Sandy Frazier informed the Commission that there are horse events taking place in Oklahoma City at remodeled fairgrounds that the Commission might want to take a look at. Once the group gets organized they can apply for grants to help with the cost of construction.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Member

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County Clerk

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