

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

**April 13, 2009**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 13, 2009 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. The Commissioners received and approved a proclamation from Kansas Housing Resources Center to declare that April is Fair Housing month in Harvey County.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The KDOT meeting regarding seatbelt safety will be held Wednesday, April 15 at 11:00 a.m. at Charlie's Restaurant. Commissioners Roberson and Westfall will attend.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend the Solid Waste Authority meeting in Hutchinson at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15.
3. There will be a Regional Solid Waste meeting held at the Airport Steakhouse on May 14. Commissioners Roberson and Krehbiel will attend.
4. The RSVP Spring Appreciation Banquet will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on April 21 at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Roberson and spouse and Commissioner Krehbiel and spouse will attend.

Minutes of the April 10, 2009 Election Canvass were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Chairman Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the April 6, 2009 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. The Commission received information on new national legislation that affects grant funding for RSVP programs.
2. Sheriff T. Walton spoke to the Commission about detention center rates. Harvey County currently charges \$22.00 per day for prisoners; however, this charge does not become effective until the prisoner eats a meal at the detention center. After checking with detention centers in other counties, it appears that the average charge per day is approximately \$30.00. Sheriff Walton would like for the Commission to re-evaluate the charges for detention center inmates. If the charges were changed in any way, all cities in the county would have to be notified well in advance so they can budget appropriately.
3. Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, reported that since the County has received needed rainfall, there is no need for a burn ban at this time.

Warrant checks were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by

Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 11:30 a.m. a public hearing was held regarding the assessments and resolution for street improvements to Chisholm Lane. James Runyan, 8207 Chisholm Lane, asked the Commission to re-evaluate the division of the payment of the special assessments between the residents on the north end of Chisholm Lane and those on the south end. He feels that the cost benefit ratio is incorrect. He also believes the contract was not fulfilled as it was written because the county built a hammer head turn-around at the end of the lane instead of a traditional cul-de-sac. Commissioner Roberson stated that the improvements on Chisholm Lane were handled in a professional manner and done as fairly as possible under the circumstances. There are ongoing hard feelings between some of the homeowners on Chisholm Lane and the Commission cannot resolve those issues. It is time to culminate the project and move forward allowing the township to take care of the road as planned. The school district has indicated the hammerhead turn-around is OK. John Waltner stated that a cul-de-sac is defined as a road with a single outlet and the hammerhead is a type of cul-de-sac. The county felt that a large circular turn-around did not make sense for a lot of reasons. Mr. Runyan stated that the road is no better now than it was before and the water still stands in the ditches. Commissioner Westfall stated that this road was not constructed properly when it was initially built and the problems have gone on long enough. It is time for the issue to be brought to a conclusion. Commissioner Roberson stated that it is impossible to please everyone but feels that maybe 80% of the residents are accepting of the improvements. Commissioner Roberson also pointed out that the work that was done to bring the road into compliance was done at quite a value for the property owners. Mr. Runyan expressed disappointment in the Commission as to their decision on this issue. Commissioner Krehbiel thanked Mr. Runyan for expressing his opinions even though he disagreed with the decision made. Not everyone could be pleased but have pleased about 80% of the people on the roadway. Commissioner Roberson closed the hearing at 11:42 a.m.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept **Resolution 2009-8** for the Chisholm Lane assessment. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. An interest rate of 2.5% will be charged if it is financed over 10 years, but the assessments can be paid in full within 30 days of notice or the final assessment mailed to the property owners in the benefit district.

The Commission thanked staff for their work on this project.

Chad Frey said Joyce Truskett has been named Civic Servant of the year by the *Newton Kansan*.

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Marge Roberson, Chairman

ATTEST:

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

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Ron Krehbiel, Member