

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 3, 2009

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 3, 2009 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall received a call from Darlington Township regarding an intersection line of sight problem. There are animals grazing too close to the road. Counselor Greg Nye will send a letter to the land owner.
2. Andy Cooper of the Red Coach Inn has asked to talk to the Commission about property taxes on motels in Harvey County.
3. Commissioner Roberson received a complaint about black smoke being emitted from the gasifier at the old Landfill site.
4. Craig Simons requested an executive session at the end of today's meeting.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. A WRAPS (Watershed Task Force) meeting will be held at the Moundridge Coop on August 6 at 7:00 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend.
2. There will be a meeting with the Farm Bureau Association on Monday, August 10, at 7:00 a.m. at the Breadbasket.

Minutes of the July 27, 2009 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Chairman Roberson read a proclamation in recognition and support of the 50th anniversary of the Bunting Magnetics Company. The company is celebrating their 30th year of operations as a Kansas-based corporation and as a significant Harvey County employer. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept and approve the proclamation signifying August 3 as Bunting Magnetics Company Day. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. The Commissioners signed a "Notice to Proceed" for the road construction sealing project with Ballou Construction. The sealing will begin on September 15, 2009.
3. Sheriff T. Walton has had some citizen's complaints about speeding on West Road from Highway 50 to 1st Street. There is a 40 mph speed limit posted on the road southbound, but not on the northbound side. After checking the records to see if a road study was done on the road, it was determined that the road should have a 40 mph speed limit. The Commission instructed Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent to post the 40 mph speed limit on the northbound side.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Gener Stangoehr approached the Commission to thank them and Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, for granting his request in December of 2008 to extend the deadline for the removal of antique vehicles from his property in rural Harvey County. The extra time was required due to extraordinary weather conditions. Mr. Stangoehr's son was in the process of developing a salvage business and the cars were being stored at the rural residence. Chairman Roberson, Commissioner Krehbiel, and Commissioner Westfall thanked Mr. Stangoehr for coming in to let them know that all of the vehicles have now been moved and for complying with the wishes of the Commission. Mr. Stangoehr was concerned that his name had been tarnished but none of the Commissioners have received complaints against him.

Warrant checks were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Commissioner Roberson to be the voting delegate, and John Waltner to be the alternate voting delegate for the Kansas Association of Counties meeting on November 15, 16, and 17th. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Engineering Technician, presented the Commission with the findings of his research on low water bridge crossings. The results of his findings suggest that the bridges be used only on low traveled roads. Craig Simons will make copies of the information obtained and distribute to each of the Commissioners.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss property acquisition and legal matters. Charlie Summers, John Waltner, and Counselor Greg Nye were also in attendance. Executive session ended at 10:20 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Marge Roberson, Chairman

ATTEST:

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Ron Krehbiel, Member