

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 7, 2009

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on December 7, 2009 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel, John Waltner, and Craig Simons attended a meeting with the Eagle Drainage District on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. They are looking at expanding the drainage district territory into the southwest corner of Harvey County. They plan to have a public meeting in the near future to explain the expansion to land owners.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. No items were added.

Minutes of the November 30, 2009 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Scott Davies stated that there is an opening on the Harvey County Regional Planning Commission in the southeast part of the county. Dr. William L. Wilson had resigned during his second term and would now like to get back on. Commissioner Krehbiel moved to accept the reappointment of William L. Wilson to the Harvey County Regional Planning commission and authorize the Chairman to sign and waive the waiting period, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2009-26**, requesting a waiver from GAAP reporting in the preparation of Harvey County comprehensive financial statements and reports in accordance with K.S.A. 75-1120a(c)(1). Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Craig Simons presented a resolution which would allow Harvey County to transfer funds from the Road and Bridge Fund to the Special Highway Improvement Fund. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2009-27** allowing Harvey County to transfer funds from the Road and Bridge fund to the Special Highway Improvement fund in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Road and Bridge fund budget appropriated for 2009. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Westfall and it was passed unanimously.
4. Sheriff T Walton presented budget shortfalls as of November 2009 for the Sheriff's Department. Insurance and overtime are the main concerns. Marge has a KCAMP meeting and she will check on the insurance rates. Budget cuts for 2010 include eliminating the K-9 program, which will save money in overtime, training, and dog care; reducing the ERT by one and cutting training hours; and reducing and eventually eliminating the pager system except for the three administrators. The K-9 dog will go to Hamilton County.

5. John Waltner said that Rita Flickinger asked him to report that they are having H1N1 clinics at Bethel College and Hesston College today. Scheduled H1N1 clinics are at Newton McKinley Administration Building on Tuesday, and Hesston Wellness Center and Hesston High School on Friday. They continue to have walk-ins at the Health Dept. They had 500 people come in on Friday.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

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

ICM personnel Patrick Ralston, Project Manager; Dr Bert Bennett, Gasification Technology Specialist; Greg Krissek, Director, Government Affairs; and Monique Garcia, Manager, Government Affairs were present and gave an update on the joint Harvey County/ICM Pilot Gasifier project. From March 1, 2009 to December 2, 2009 they have run approximately 1,000 hours and processed approximately 3,000 tons of feed stock. They are burning approximately 150 tons of wood chips a day. They are currently in a successful 30-day run of wood chips. Roy Patton expressed three areas of concern: First, we are inheriting a building that was put up to store ash. Second, the landfill keeps their area on the south side of the road clean and nice. Some neighbors are complaining about tidiness on the north side of the road. Roy met with Patrick to get this cleaned up. Third, ICM is storing items out of the lease area. We are running out of storage in C & D and will go to the south soon which will be a space concern. Roy said that some resolutions have been made on these areas. Vern Koch expressed concern about the look of the area and requested that ICM clean the place up. He stated that ICM should be ashamed of themselves for letting the area look this way. Vern was concerned about the amount of ash that is being generated. The plans are to utilize the ash for the firing range or construction and demolition landfill cover material so dirt doesn't have to be brought in.

The commissioners recessed at 11:00 a.m. to attend the Quad County Meeting in Hutchinson.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Marge Roberson, Chairman

ATTEST:

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Ron Krehbiel, Member