

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

**July 13, 2009**

At 10:00 a.m., Paul Ferguson, Engineer with Poe & Associates, opened bids for the 2009 Roadway Sealing Project. The project includes West Dutch Avenue, East First Street, and North River Park. The bids are as follows:

Ballou Construction	\$444,500
Vance Brothers	445,000

Sheriff T. Walton reported that there will be charges filed in the recent tire dumping problems in the Townships. He also gave the Commission a letter from the Senior Patrol.

Chairman Roberson called the July 13 meeting of the Board of Harvey County Commissioners to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting. All three Commissioners were present.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the low bid from Ballou Construction for the 2009 Roadway Sealing project. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall informed the Commission that he has been working to establish the Foundation for the Fairgrounds Development project.
2. The Commissioners were contacted by a representative from WSU who is working on a survey on preventing falls by the elderly. Commissioner Roberson suggested that the representative contact Orlin Zehr to obtain information for the study.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The REAP Economic Development Committee will sponsor a tour of new technical training center at Jabara Airport on Thursday, July 16.
2. The annual 4-H picnic will be held on July 21 at Athletic Park.

Minutes of the July 6, 2009 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Craig Simons informed the Commission that the last Commission meeting to hear budgets will be July 20. He also said that there is a first time funding request from Hope Home Construction.
2. There will be a case management conference held at 10:00 a.m. on July 27 for an appeal of the Commission's denial of a conditional use permit for the Sporting Clays and Arrows Gun Club in west Harvey County. The Gun Club requested a

special use permit to modify the Club to allow archery, rifles, and handguns in addition to shotguns. The Commission denied the request and a court appeal has been filed.

3. The Commission received a letter from T. W. Anderson, Manager of the Newton City/County Airport, stating that the fly-in of the Experimental Aircraft Chapter 88 that was held on July 4th was very successful.
4. The Commission received additional budget information from Jesse Kaye who presented the proposed 2010 budget for Prairie View two weeks ago. The information is in response to questions asked by the Commission.
5. There will be a reception for the new interim Director of the Newton Chamber of Commerce held at the Prairie Harvest meeting room on July 15 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### **CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

There were no citizen's present for Citizen's Forum.

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

At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss land acquisition. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 11:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

Mindy Vogt and Jane Hershberger presented the proposed 2010 Conservation District budget. There was no increase in the amount requested. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m. Courtney Becker and Don Gruver presented the proposed 2010 budget for Communications. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

At 1:45 p.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss land acquisition and legal matters. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were Charlie Summers, John Waltner, and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 2:15 p.m. with no action being taken.

Rita Flickinger, Director, and Sindy Dick, Executive Assistant, presented the proposed 2010 Health Department budget. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk, presented the 2010 proposed budget for the Clerk's and Election

Office. The Commission will take the proposed budgets under advisement.

Mark Willis, Newton Fire & EMS, Russell Walter, Burrton Fire & EMS, Joe Uhlman, Sedgwick Fire & EMS, and Anderson Lowe, Director of Halstead Fire & EMS presented a request for an increase in the mill levy allocated for all EMS Chiefs. The request is made to cover the increase in the cost of providing services, increased training costs, increased call volumes, increase in staffing costs, increased education costs for advanced life support, and on-call costs. The Commission will consider the request.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

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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