

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 1, 2009

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 1, 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 gave Commissioner Roberson a copy of the Salina Journal which had an article about funding for local CDDO organizations.
2. Commissioner Roberson requested that the Commission have further discussion with regard to increasing the amount of daily jail fees for the Harvey County Detention Center. If the fees are increased, cities in the County would need to be notified before they complete their budgets for 2010. Current daily fees for Harvey County are \$22.00 per day and the average charge is approximately \$37.00 per day. Due to action taken by the Commission in a prior meeting, as of June 1, a daily fee is charged immediately upon incarceration. Prior to the Board's action fees were charged only after the prisoner had stayed for a meal.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Fairgrounds Development Committee will be leaving at 7:00 a.m. on June 4 to travel to Oklahoma to view fairground developments there.
2. There will be a Council of Governments meeting at 7:00 a.m. on June 10 at the Breadbasket.
3. The annual banquet sponsored by the Harvey County Economic Development Council will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 3 at the Water's Edge Restaurant in Hesston.
4. The Halstead Annual Firefighter picnic will be held on Saturday, June 6 at the Scout Park in Halstead.

Minutes of the May 26, 2009 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commission received a letter from Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, recommending the appointment of Barbara Bunting to fulfill the unexpired term of Anita Monarez, who resigned her position on the Advisory Board. The term runs through October 2010. Ms. Bunting would represent the educational sector on the Board. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the recommendation to appoint Barbara Bunting to the Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections Board. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. John Waltner presented a letter from Susan Lamb, Executive Director for

Communities in Schools, seeking \$31,000 in funding for a program for delinquency prevention. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to deny the request. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The Commission is hopeful that the funding for the program can be obtained through a grant request.

3. Levi Goossen, representative for the Indigent Defense Panel, presented 2008 caseload statistics for the Council. The Indigent Defense Panel members are asking the Commission to consider an increase in wages for 2010. The Panel has received \$135,000 divided among the council members for the years 2008 and 2009. Commissioner Westfall asked if we are seeing any increase in collection of the fees from individuals receiving the services. Mr. Goossen does not believe there is any increase in collection. The Judge has agreed to start charging \$70 per hour for those who are able to pay, as opposed to the current rate of \$50. One member of the panel has given notice that he will not serve on the Panel next year.
4. The Air Conditioning system at the Health Department went out and is not repairable. Bids for a new system are being solicited. The hours for the department are altered to 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. until the new system is installed
5. The County continues to meet with the City of Newton to try to solve the parking issues for the Law Enforcement Center, Courthouse, Library, and downtown area. It was suggested that some of the two and four hour spaces across the street south of the Courthouse be changed to nine hour spaces.
6. Sheriff Walton informed the Commission that the work on the front lobby in the law enforcement center has been completed and looks very good.
7. Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, said that temporary striping had been completed on East First Street, Burmac Road, SW 36th Street, NW 12th Street, and Dutch Avenue. Areas on these roads had been ground down and the striping was gone.
8. Commissioner Roberson indicated that she had traveled on North 36th Street over the weekend and said that the Road and Bridge Department had done a good job with that road.

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.

Scott Davies, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented a request from Richard Allen on behalf of Builders Concrete to extend the Conditional Use Permit granted on July 12, 2007 to construct a Ready-Mix Concrete plant in the Industrial Development and Service Zoning District located at 10106 S. Kansas Road. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to grant an extension of the permit until July 12, 2010. The permit shall be declared null and void on July 12, 2010 if a building permit has not been issued at that time. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, presented the 2010 proposed budget for the Department. Mr. Buller added \$1,700 to the budget to service the emergency generator. Commissioner Krehbiel requested that the generator be periodically tested. Commissioner Roberson asked if the generator could be used for large events like the Taste of Newton. Mr. Buller thought that it could be used that way; however use policies would have to be implemented. The Commission will discuss a use policy at a later date and take the budget under advisement.

Judge Richard Walker and Robin Sheldon, District Court Clerk, presented the proposed 2010 budget for District Court. The budget contains a request for the purchase of a new microfilm scanner, which costs approximately \$9,200. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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Marge Roberson, Chairman

ATTEST:

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Ron Krehbiel, Member