

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

**June 29, 2009**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 29, 2009 with Commissioners Westfall and Krehbiel present, and Commissioner Roberson absent. Vice Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall stated that he read in the paper that Midland National Bank had donated an old microfilm machine to Harvey County District Court. Judge Richard Walker had written them a thank you letter and Commissioner Westfall suggested that the commissioners send a thank you letter also.
2. A letter was received from Katie Schrag about the firearms range in western Harvey County.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The Fairgrounds Development Committee meeting will be held July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse.
2. On Friday, July 17 and Saturday July 18 there will be e-waste collection at Heartland Solutions.
3. Sunday, July 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. there will be the dedication of the new West Park Community Building and open house.
4. Monday, July 20 the aviation meeting will be at 4 p.m.

Minutes of the June 22, 2009 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Jeri Smith, Treasurer Deputy, obtained signatures from the commissioners for a change made on our account at First Bank.
2. Scott Davies presented a Local Environmental Protection Program Grant Agreement to the commissioners. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the Grant and have the vice chairman sign it, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Scott Davies presented a recommendation for appointment for Jack Bender III to fill the open position on District 7 of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Krehbiel moved that the commission approve the appointment of Jack Bender III and waive the one week waiting period and authorize the vice chairman to sign, seconded by Chairman Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Craig Simons recommended the commissioners schedule the all day budget session for Wednesday, August 5 starting at 8 a.m.

Craig Simons presented the Agreement with the Kansas Dept of Transportation for the Centennial Bridge near Newton to approve and initial the ink changes that have been made.

Commissioner Krehbiel moved to approve and initial all the ink changes on Agreement 120-09 for Project No. 40 C-4560-01 from the Kansas Department of Transportation seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

County Councilor Greg Nye reported that he and Jim Meiers talked to Beachner. They have Vance Construction from Salina to do the job at the same price Beachner had bid. Greg questioned Beachner regarding a scenario whereby if Vance had a higher bid. Beachner stated that they and Vance have a mutual agreement to do the work at the same price. Phil Adams stated that there are 19.24 miles to be done.

Craig Simons passed out copies of the valuation sheet presented by Joyce Truskett, County Clerk to the commissioners. Craig pointed out that the county valuation has dropped from \$245,408,177 to \$240,717,512. Real Estate, Personal Property and Oil & Gas have all dropped.

#### **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.

T.W. Anderson presented the proposed 2010 Budget for the Newton Municipal Airport. They are cutting back on marketing and overtime to help bring the budget into balance. They are also increasing their fuel margin. There is no increase to the county. He asked for a recommendation from the Harvey County Commissioners to present the budget to the Newton City Commissioners. The proposed budget will be taken under advisement. TW also invited the commissioners to the 46th Air Capital EAA Fly-in at the airport on Saturday, July 4.

Tina Payne, Health Ministries Executive Director presented the proposed 2010 Health Ministries Budget. Rita Flickinger, Director of Harvey County Health Dept, Jesse Kaye, Prairie View, and John Torline were her guests. They have doubled their patient base since 2006 with 80 percent coming from Harvey County and of that 70 percent from the City of Newton. They are still seeing about 66 percent uninsured patients. The average across the state seems to be between 60 and 70 percent. They have great support from Newton Medical Center. Tina sees the future for the clinic as "scary." This is based on the number of layoffs in the area, and when their insurance runs out she thinks there will be an increase in patients. Their state grant was cut because of revenue shortfalls in 2008 and the 2009 grant was cut about \$32,000. They have held vacancies open and some have waived pay increases to help with the revenue shortfalls. Their facility is aging and they are running out of space. The question now is, "How do you maintain a sustainable model." She has asked for a consultant to come in and review both internal operations and the community to see if they can continue to operate. The Health Department is willing to help by collaborating with Health Ministries. Prairie View is also willing to participate in collaborating. Tina presented two comparison sheets on uncompensated visits between all their visits and just Harvey County visits. She asked the commissioners to help her get into Marion County to help get compensation from them since about 8 percent of the patients they see come from there.

Jessie Kaye, President and CEO and Pam Burns from Prairie View presented the proposed 2010 Mental Health budget. They are experiencing a lot of the same phenomena as Health Ministries and expect that to continue as the economy worsens.

Rich Hanley, Department of Aging Director, and Annette Graham, Sedgwick County and Central Plains Area Agency on Aging came before the commission. Annette presented the Area plan on Aging for Fiscal Years 2010-2013. Commissioner Krehbiel moved that they approve the plan for 2010-2013, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Rich Hanley presented for recommendation for appointments of Orlyn Zehr and Robert E. Carlton to the Harvey County Council on Aging. Commissioner Krehbiel moved that they waive the week waiting period and appoint Orlyn Zehr and Robert E. Carlton to the Harvey County Council on Aging Board of Commission and approve the vice-chairman to sign, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

The commission adjourned for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

At 1:00 p.m. the commission attended the Dedication Ceremony for the Sand Creek Restoration Project at Athletic Park. The commission reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

T Walton, Harvey County Sheriff presented the proposed 2010 Sheriff and Detention Center Budget. He reviewed the 2008 and 2009 goals set by the prior sheriffs. He reviewed the new 2009 goals that he set and the 2010 goals. T reviewed the 2010 budget with the commissioners.

At 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session to discuss acquisition of property and legal issues for a period of 30 minutes. Also in attendance were County Counselor Greg Nye and John Waltner. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 3:00 p.m. with no action being taken.

Sarah Steele, Gilmore & Bell, presented **Resolution 2009-14** Authorizing the Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds for the Schaben Building Improvement. Commissioner Krehbiel moved to accept **Resolution 2009-14** Authorizing the Issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds to Bigs Property L.L.C, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Westfall.

#### BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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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

Ron Krehbiel, Member