

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 9, 2009

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 9, 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 attended the Little Arkansas River Watershed meeting last week. He reported that testing continues on the diversion wells for the Equus Beds Recharge project.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported on the meeting of the Fairgrounds Development Committee also held this past week. A representative from the Demolition Derby presented a plan for the area that will house the Demolition Derby at the new Fairgrounds. The committee also toured an arena on Highway K-196 owned by Dr. Miller. The group derived several new ideas from the tour.
3. Commissioner Roberson reported that KCAMP has been trying to add the availability of insurance coverage for special events; however it is unknown at this time whether it will be feasible to add this type of coverage to the KCAMP plan.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

There were no new calendar items.

Minutes of the November 2, 2009 meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that LaFarge Contracting worked last Saturday toward the completion of the sealing project. He said the Ridge Road bridge should be completed soon. He also reported that dirt is being hauled to the airport for the expansion of Parks Aerospace Technologies.
2. Sheriff T. Walton reported that there have been many accidents between vehicles and deer this month in Harvey County.
3. Rita Flickinger, Director of the Health Department, gave the Commission an update on the H1N1 Flu pandemic. Although several doctor's offices have received the H1N1 vaccine and have administered vaccinations to priority groups, there continues to be a shortage of vaccine. The Health Department administered 200 doses in four hours at a clinic held there. There is not enough available vaccine to hold another clinic at this time, but there will hopefully be enough by the end of November or first of December. Ms. Flickinger also reported that school absenteeism due to the H1N1 virus is gradually lessening. There have been no reported cases of the seasonal flu yet in this area. The Health Department

- is expecting to receive 400 more doses of seasonal flu vaccine.
4. There will be a special meeting held on November 19 at 1:15 p.m. to approve the sale of bonds for Schaben Court Road.
 5. Jeanie Flaming, Director of Harvey County Transportation, announced that she is retiring at the end of the month. She thanked the Commission for their interest in transportation and their support of the program. Commissioner Roberson thanked Ms. Flaming for her service and expressed appreciation for her performance in balancing the needs of the public with the requirements of the State.
 6. Craig Simons reported on the ICM owned burner located at the old Harvey County landfill site. The burner continues to be tested using agricultural waste, but a 30-day continuous run has not yet been attempted. ICM has installed a propane burner in the unit which has eliminated the emission of black smoke. The problems with the feed mechanism have also been solved. Commissioner Krehbiel expressed concern that the area around the burner needs to be cleaned up. ICM is planning to clean up the area.
 7. Cari Cusick, reporter for The Kansan, is leaving to become the Hesston Librarian and will no longer be reporting on the Commission meetings.
 8. Greg Nye, Harvey County Counselor, informed the Commission that the State of Kansas has determined that court employees will be required to take six separate weeks of furlough during the first six months of 2010. With the exception of the judges, court employees will not receive compensation for these furloughs.
 9. Counselor Nye also reported that after a hearing before the joint Tenant Subcommittee, the State has ruled to reimburse the county for the cost of representing a violent sexual predator as required by statute in connection with civil commitment actions. The State Ways and Means Committee will authorize the final payment.

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

As per Harvey County Unified Development Code, Section 2.05, Scott Davies, Director of Planning and Zoning, presented the final plat for the Prairie Meadows Second Addition. The plat contains an interior road with only one access point off of Kansas Avenue. Although the township has agreed to maintain the interior road, they requested that the entry way be asphalted. Although this cannot be required, this would be done at the expense of the developer. Road impact fees would be applied to the four lots in the subdivision. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the dedication of the road into the addition and drainage easements for the Prairie Meadows, lots 2 and 3, and approve the plat and authorize the chairman to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The joint City/County meeting will be held November 23 during the regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

Craig Simons presented additional changes to the personnel manual. The changes include the addition of Section 6.35 stating that employees shall not give false information in regard to health, dental, and in lieu of health insurance payments. Giving false information will subject an employee to disciplinary actions, which may include termination. There are also additional changes proposed in Section 7.2 of the manual. This section lists reasons for employee dismissal without warning. The following three reasons shall be added: improper use of County internet system; improper use of County e-mail system; and making false statements about spousal or dependent health and dental coverage, and false statements to obtain in lieu of insurance payments. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the addition of Section 6.35 and changes to Section 7.2. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

John Waltner presented a proposal to amend an agreement with SCKEDD in order to make use of available money provided by the Neighborhood Stabilization program. The original program was for the county to work with the financing only; however, to this date no money has been applied for or distributed. SCKEDD suggested that the plan be modified to include the redevelopment of vacant or demolished property. This would allow not for profit groups to construct a home and then sell it to an income-eligible buyer. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the amendment to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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Marge Roberson, Chairman

ATTEST:

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Ron Krehbiel, Member