

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 5, 2009

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 5, 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 received a complaint about SE 36th Street having a washboard surface. Phil Adams, Superintendent of Road & Bridge, will be notified.
2. Commissioner Roberson requested a time extension of the executive session scheduled for later in the meeting.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Extension Council achievement banquet will be held on October 10 at Slate Creek Elementary School.
2. The Council of Governments meeting will be held October 14 at 7:00 a.m.
3. Commissioner Roberson will be out of town from October 13 to October 18.
4. There will be a KCAMP meeting held on October 27 and 28.
5. The Harvey County Farm Bureau dinner will be held on October 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the new Vocational Technical building.
6. There will be an Aviation Board meeting on October 19 at 4:00 p.m.
7. The REAP Go Green Symposium scheduled for October 29 has been cancelled.
8. The November REAP meeting will be held November 2 instead of the regular meeting date of November 12.

Minutes of the September 28, 2009 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Rita Flickinger, Director of the Health Department, updated the Commission on the progression of plans to handle the outbreak of the H1N1 virus. She reported that although some of the residents of Sedgwick City live in Sedgwick County, the City will participate with Harvey County to receive vaccinations. Several doctors and others from the medical community have agreed to serve on a committee to determine how the vaccine will be distributed once it is received by the Health Department. Volunteers include Mark Willis, Newton Fire Department; Andy Lowe, Halstead EMS; Dr. Rhea Hartley, Health Ministries; Ted Cook, Newton Medical Center Emergency Department, Joe Miller, Emergency Room Director; Dr. Jon Jantz, Cottonwood Pediatrics; Dr. Michael Bates, Women's Center; Dr. Joe Luinstra, Wichita Clinic; and Dr. M. K. Williams, Wichita Clinic. An agreement which details the responsibilities of each

- agency that will serve as a distribution site is being drawn up. Counselor Greg Nye will approve the agreement. At the school distribution sites, the charge for the H1N1 vaccination will be \$1.00 per enrolled student.
2. John Waltner and Commissioner Krehbiel have been contacted by Laverle Busenitz who has asked permission to conduct a civil tea party on the lawn of the Courthouse. The tea party will be held either October 10 or October 17 in the afternoon. The County would provide power for microphones and also notify law enforcement so they will be aware of the planned activity. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to allow Mr. Busenitz to conduct a tea party on the courthouse lawn. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 3. Several documents for the bridge near Centennial Park were presented for approval. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign two temporary construction easements for the replacement of Bridge #40C-4560-01 over Sand Creek on North Kansas Avenue near Centennial Park. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign one permanent easement with Eugene Claassen. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner West made a motion to approve certification to the Kansas Department of Transportation of real property acquisition and utility arrangements for the replacement of the bridge. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. All three Commissioners signed the certification.
The construction of the bridge is scheduled to be bid out in December.
 4. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Commissioner Roberson as the KCAMP voting delegate and Commissioner Westfall as alternate voting delegate. Joyce Truskett informed the Commission that she would not be able to serve as the alternate voting delegate for KWORC as designated at a prior Commission meeting. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Commissioner Westfall to serve as alternate voting delegate instead of Ms. Truskett. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the statement of final costs of Schaben Court Road, which are \$717,000.00; approve the assessment roll with the amount divided into eight lots, and authorize the County Administrator to sign; and approve the notice of public hearing to be held on October 19. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Temporary notes have been issued until bonds can be issued in November. All principal and interest will be paid by Schaben Industries, with no taxpayer involvement. The special assessments, which were spread by the square footage of each lot, will not be on the tax roll until 2010.

Sheriff T. Walton has suggested hiring a roofing consultant in anticipation of replacing the roof on the detention center. The consultant would determine what specifications need to be set for the bids. This will be done after the first of the year, in January of 2010.

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

Rob Mahoney, Haake Benefits Consulting Group Senior Benefits Consultant, presented findings and recommendations from the study of health insurance options for Harvey County. The estimate for the renewal of the current contract with Preferred Plus was estimated at an increase of 12%, which fell outside of budgeted amounts. Mr. Mahoney reported that the most competitive vendor bid was Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas. However, they would not extend coverage to the Extension Council or the City of North Newton, who are currently covered under the Harvey County Group. Therefore, Preferred Plus continues to have the best plan option. One of the disadvantages of the Preferred Plus plan is that the Health Savings Account (HSA) design is not considered to be a very viable option for employees. In order to lower healthcare costs, part of the long term strategy for the County should be to develop consumer driven healthcare which is accomplished through good Health Savings Accounts. For the year 2010, in order to keep the premium costs in line with budgeted amounts, the consultant suggested alternate plan designs that include higher deductibles and increased out-of-pocket expenses. Mr. Mahoney also strongly recommended that the County develop an exit strategy to discontinue "in-lieu-of" payments to employees who have health coverage through another group. Most insurance carriers require 75% employee participation. Harvey County currently has 53 employees who receive "in-lieu-of" payments. New employees hired after December 31, 2009 will not be eligible for "in-lieu-of" payments. Harvey County is not eligible to participate in the State provided health insurance plan because it requires 70% employee participation. It was also recommended that, beginning January 1, 2010, spousal carve-outs should be implemented. This would eliminate Harvey County group plan coverage for spouses who are eligible to be covered by their own employers.

At 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 45 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. John Waltner also attended the executive session. At 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to extend the session for a period of 5 minutes. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 12:05 p.m. with no action being taken.

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Marge Roberson, Chairman

ATTEST:

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Ron Krehbiel, Member