

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 5, 2010

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 5, 2010 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel asked the Commission if discussion could be held regarding changes to the County fireworks regulations. It will be scheduled in a future Commission meeting.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that the Fairgrounds Development Project will now be called the Plex project, allowing the name to be changed at a later time if so desired. April 20 is the deadline to make final changes on the plan for the buildings. The fairgrounds project is scheduled to be bid out this Fall.
3. Commissioner Roberson reported that she and John Waltner met with SCKEDD representative, Bill Bolin, last week to discuss some issues with CDBG grant funding that is administered by SCKEDD. Another meeting regarding SCKEDD will be held with the Harvey County EDC on April 6. Attending the meeting will be Commissioner Roberson, Administrator John Waltner, Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Harvey County EDC Director, and Keith DeHaven, Harvey County representative to SCKEDD.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel and Commissioner Westfall will attend the RSVP banquet on April 20.
2. The monthly Aviation Commission meeting will be held on April 19 at 4:00 p.m. at the Newton City/County Airport.
3. The monthly CDDO meeting will be held on April 19 at 4:30 p.m. at the CDDO Offices at 500 Main Place.

Minutes of the special March 25, 2010 joint City/County Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the March 29, 2010 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner related information from Becky Fields, Treasurer, that there is concern among the County Treasurers in the State of Kansas because of pending legislation that would seriously deplete a special fund dedicated to funding improvements to the state's aging vehicle registration system. The legislation, if

2. approved, would “sweep” \$4,800,000 in vehicle registration funds to be used to make up for deficits in the new state budget bill.
3. Rita Flickinger, Health Department Director, reported that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Fifteen people attended a meeting and are organizing a program to take a definite stand against child abuse. A blue ribbon campaign is being organized and information on reporting child abuse will be made available at Kid Fest to be held on April 10 at Sunset School. A toddler in Harvey County died last week after being abused. Neighbors of the child had reported concern to a state SRS Child Abuse Hotline, where the decision was made to take no further action. If local authorities had been notified, there would have been a welfare check on the child. Therefore, information will be given out at Kid Fest which will emphasize the importance of calling 911 locally to report abuse. The group has decided to use the slogan “Abuse has no excuse.”
4. At 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 9, a Kansas Smoke Management Plan meeting will be held in the Courthouse Community Room. The meeting will be held to discuss air quality and Flint Hills burning. Senator Carolyn McGinn is hosting the meeting.
5. The Commission meeting will start late next Monday after the REAP meeting in Wichita.
6. John Waltner met with Judge Walker to discuss lunch charges for employees in district court. Commissioner Westfall stated that he has talked with other counties and learned that other counties do not fund lunches for district court employees.
7. Sheriff T Walton reported that Harvey County has been notified that the per diem per day rate has been changed from \$47.00 to \$55.00 per day. The per diem hourly rate has been changed from \$16.00 to \$22.10.
8. Charlie Summers reported that there was a 30-acre fire on East First Street last week. The Parks Department at East Lake was quickly notified and were able to keep the fire from jumping the road using a spray tank purchased for the Department. They were the first responders on the scene.
9. The replacement of the bridge on NW 12th Street was to begin this week. However, the start date has been changed to April 12. Phil Adams said that River Park Road was patched with cold mix, after Commissioner Krehbiel reported potholes in the road. Mr. Adams also reported that the culvert near Walton Grade School does not belong to Harvey County.

CITIZEN’S FORUM:

Mr. & Mrs. Rex Schecter are still attempting to communicate with the City of Newton with regard to the purchase of property owned Schecter’s to be used in the development of the Kansas Logistics Park. Chairman Westfall said that they should hear from the City in the next 10 days.

John Waltner provided information on the monthly and quarterly sales tax collection for the additional 1% sales tax implemented in December of 2006. The total collection amount was \$303,323 for 2006, \$3,992,854 for 2007, \$4,377,581 for 2008, and \$4,122,990 for 2009. The amount collected through March of 2010 is \$1,031,249.

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

At 10:00 a.m. Rex Yohn, Noxious Weed Department, opened bids for the purchase of herbicides for 2010 for the Noxious Weed Department. The bids received are as follows:

<u>Chemicals</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Van Diest</u>	<u>CPS</u>	<u>VMS</u>	<u>Farm Kan</u>
2-4D Amine					
2 ½ Gal	750	10.33	10.55	10.40	10.59
Bulk or 55 Gal	550	10.23	10.55	10.25	No Bid
30 Gal	150	10.28	10.75	10.30	10.44
Dicamba					
2 ½ Gal	25	30.17	31.15	32.75	32.15
Bid Total		15,670.25	16,106.25	15,801.25	10,312.25

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept the low bid from Van Diest for the purchase of 2010 chemicals as listed for the Noxious Weed Department. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Todd Hanchett, Undersheriff, presented a proposed change in the policies and procedures for handling animal bite calls or dealing with animals that need temporary shelter. If an animal bites someone and the owners of the animal do not have proof of vaccination, the animal will be seized. Animals will be boarded at Caring Hands Humane Society with boarding fees paid by the animal's owner. Counselor Greg Nye will review the document before final action is taken.

Randy Hoffmeier introduced himself to the Commissioners. Mr. Hoffmeier is an auditor with Lindburg Pierce, Vogel and Faris. This is the first year that this firm has audited the County.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ron Krehbiel, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Marge Roberson, Member