

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 12, 2010

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 12, 2010 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Roberson reported that she attended a meeting with John Waltner, Keith DeHaven, Mickey Fornaro-Dean, regarding SCKEDD. There are some ideas being considered that would hopefully facilitate a better relationship between Harvey County and SCKEDD.
2. Commissioner Roberson reported on the ReNewton meeting she attended last week. This is the second public meeting of this group. There was good participation and many new ideas were discussed.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel asked to have discussion later in the meeting about possible regulations for controlled burns in the County.
4. Commissioner Westfall reported on the Partnership meeting he attended last week.
5. Commissioner Westfall received notice that the new FEMA flood maps are now complete and will become effective October 6, 2010.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. A Chamber legislative update will be held at Charlie's Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. on April 17.
2. There will be a meeting with the USDA April 14 to discuss possible funding for the new Fairgrounds project.

Minutes of the April 5, 2010 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner informed the Commission that the Mid Cap board meetings are held in Augusta once a month. The meetings last approximately 1 – 1 1/2 hours. The group has asked that one of the Commissioners or a designee be willing to serve on the board and attend meetings.
2. The Parks Department has entered into agreement with Allen Painting to paint the houses at East Lake, West Park, and Camp Hawk. The bid submitted by Koehn Painting was lower than what was budgeted for the project and work has already begun.
3. This week is National Public Safety Week and the Commission is invited to visit the 911 Communications Center.

4. Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, presented a request from Stutzman Refuse to bring trash to the Harvey County Transfer Station that is collected in the cities of Bel Aire and Park City. This is single stream recycled trash that would add about 25 to 45 more tons per week to the amount we now transfer to Reno County. Reno County has made a verbal agreement to amend the contract between Reno County Solid Waste and Harvey County and accept the increased amount of trash. Revenues at the Harvey County Transfer Station are down approximately \$10,000 per month and this increased trash would help the revenue stream. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to enter into a verbal agreement with Reno County to add 25 to 45 tons of trash per week from Bel Aire and Park City. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Roy informed the Commission that ICM will start test burning municipal solid waste in the gasifier on Tuesday of this week.
6. Rita Flickinger presented a proclamation proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. A group has formed to try to bring more attention to child abuse in Harvey County. They have adopted the slogan "Abuse is no excuse." Members of the group present for the reading of the proclamation were Laura Hicks, Joe Norbert, Wilma Mueller, Alicia Hinkle, Lori Hardin, Valorie Goerend, Margaret Goering, David Yoder, Gary Denny, Jan Jones, and Chad Frey. There were 434 reports of child abuse in the year 2004 and 843 reports in the year 2009. Parents who have issues with substance abuse are more likely to abuse children. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to proclaim Child Abuse Prevention month in Harvey County. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Ms. Flickinger will also attend the North Newton City Council meeting this evening to present the proclamation for adoption there.
7. Phil Adams, Superintendent of Road & Bridge, reported that the department installed a culvert on SW 60th last week. The bridge replacement on West 12th Street is to begin today, and 12th Street has been closed. There is no designated detour while the bridge is being replaced.
8. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the Sheriff's Department helped with the out-of-control fire in western Harvey County. He also reported that the jail population is up to 112. There will be a presentation made by the Ben E. Stein Company on possible foods for inmates. Sheriff Walton will attend.
9. Todd Hanchett, Undersheriff, talked to the Director of Caring Hands Humane Society regarding the housing of animals seized by Harvey County. There have been very few animals taken to the Humane Society by Harvey County in the last few years. However, there is a current animal abuse situation in the County where several cats and dogs may need to be seized and taken to the shelter. The director said that if the County takes in more than five or so animals per year, Caring Hands may need to enter into a contract with the County. We currently pay \$73.00 for housing an animal for 10 days.
10. Chad Frey, Director of RSVP, has been asked to set a date for a candlelight vigil as a planned activity of Child Abuse Prevention Month. However, there are

scheduling conflicts during the month of April. The Commission suggested that he talk to County Attorney, David Yoder, before scheduling the event date.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Mr. & Mrs. Rex Schecter reported that there are some other neighbors who have been contacted by the City to deed some of their land as easements for the Kansas Logistics Park development.

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

Phil Adams presented bids for a truck bed for the newly purchased 2008 truck and a tilt trailer. The bids for the truck bed are as follow:

Jost Fabricating, Hillsboro	\$3,300
Midwest Truck Equipment, Wichita	\$3,786

The bids for the tilt trailer are as follow:

Jost Fabricating, Hillsboro	\$6,038
Trailer Town, Park City	\$6,170

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the low bids for both the truck bed and the tilt trailer from Jost Fabricating of Hillsboro. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, and Gary Denny, Fire Chief for the Newton Fire Department, reported on the fire in the western part of the county yesterday. There have been 43 controlled burns in the County from April 2 to April 9. There were three of these burns that went out of control. On April 10 and 11, there were 36 controlled burns of which 2 became uncontrollable. The fire that went out of control in western Harvey County on Sunday was apparently pushed by winds that came up midday. There were 52 fire fighting units there, Burrton EMS, Newton EMS, the Communications command unit, and Harvey County Road & Bridge was there to deliver barricades. There is a NOAA website that has a rangeland fire forecast submitted by the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office in Wichita. Mr. Buller proposes that the Commission pass a resolution that states if the fire forecast is high any time during a 24-hour period, there would be an automatic burn ban for the County. Chief Denny also stated that burning should be banned if the wind exceeds 15 miles per hour. The resolution would include some type of fine or penalty if the rule is violated. A resolution will be presented at next week's commission meeting.

At the recommendation of Lonnie Buller, Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to implement a burn ban for Harvey County effective April 12 through April 19. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The Commission authorized Mr. Buller to lift the burn ban if conditions warrant.

Mr. Buller also presented Resolution 2010-9 that would repeal Resolution 2009-11, regulating the sale, handling, use and storage of fireworks within Harvey County. At the request of the Commission, the wording of the resolution will be amended and the final copy will be presented next week.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m. T. Walton presented a proposed change in the compensation plan for the Sheriff's Office. Compensation for the positions of Chief Deputy and Detention Lieutenant will be increased and a position of Deputy Sergeant will be added. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept the changes in the Harvey County Compensation Plan in the Sheriff's Office for the Detention Lieutenant, Deputy Sergeant, and Chief Deputy. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 1:55 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were Counselor Greg Nye and Charlie Summers. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to extend the executive session until 2:25 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 2:25 p.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ron Krehbiel, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Marge Roberson, Member