

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 2, 2010

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 2, 2010 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall received a letter of notification stating that the Emergency Housing grant application that was submitted by MidCap Housing has been approved for Harvey County.
2. Joyce Truskett asked about alternate possibilities for the delivery of voting machines for elections.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be a CDDO meeting held on August 9, 2010.
2. The Commissioners will participate in the Harvey County Fair Parade on August 7, 2010.
3. The Commissioners will participate in the Old Settler's Day Parade in Halstead on August 14 at 10:00 a.m.
4. The Election canvass will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 6, 2010.

Minutes of the July 26, 2010 Commission meeting and the July 27, 2010 Special Commission meeting to discuss the budget were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Chad Frey, Director of RSVP, presented recommendations for two mid-term appointments to the Harvey County RSVP Advisory Council. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Beverly Rose and Irma Mahoney to the advisory council and waive the two week waiting period. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. John Waltner reported that the County has been notified that the Halstead City Council has approved their participation in the Lidar mapping program. Notice has not yet been received from the other cities.
3. A Department Head meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2010. There are changes with regard to the County health insurance program that will be discussed there. The first change in the program was made this year in not making "in lieu of insurance" available to new employees. In 2011 "in lieu of" insurance will be reduced by \$60 per month for existing employees who insured with other health insurance companies. The spousal carve-out will also be initiated in 2011. This would affect some of the spouses of county employees. If spouses have the option to participate in a health insurance plan through their

- place of employment and choose to be on the Harvey County plan, the employee will be required to pay an additional \$300 per month toward the premium.
4. Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that all the scheduled patching for this year has been completed. The two bridges that are being constructed are moving forward, but slowly.
 5. Sheriff T. Walton reported a Detention Center population of 128 in over the weekend. The first inmate GED was awarded this week. An AA program starts this week and an NA program begins there in September.
 6. Byron Warta reported that he will attend a water conference meeting in Paola this coming Thursday and Friday. He also reported that Parks Aircraft Technologies, located at the Newton City/County Airport, has named a new president.
 7. Counselor Greg Nye reported that a summary judgment hearing was held on June 16 in the Camacho Gun Range case. This judgment was filed on July 19 and requires that any appeals be filed within 30 days of that date.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

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

Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, informed the Commission that there will be a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on Tuesday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. to amend the County Planning and Zoning Regulations to be in compliance with the new FEMA flood maps. It is anticipated that a large number will attend. The maps will go into effect on October 6, 2010. The amendments to the County maps were sent to the chief engineer at the State of Kansas and were approved on July 16. The state requires that the changes in the maps be highlighted and recorded with the new map date. The County Commission will vote on the approval of the maps at the August 23 Commission meeting.

The cost of the roof replacement on the Jail and Law Enforcement Center was approximately \$460,000. The City of Newton will pay for a portion of the cost for the Law Enforcement Center, and the County will need to issue some temporary notes to finance approximately \$300,000. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-17**, authorizing and providing for the construction of improvements to the roof of the Detention Center and the Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

A notice of the budget hearing for Harvey County will be published in the Newton Kansan. The budget calls for a mill levy of approximately 28.775 compared to 27.875 for the year 2009. The increase primarily covers economic development and other contractual services. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept the proposed Harvey County budget with an estimated mill levy amount of 28.775. The budget hearing is scheduled for August 16 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ron Krehbiel, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Marge Roberson, Member