

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 8 and 9, 2010

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 8, 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 Krehbiel attended the Eagle Drainage District meeting last week and reported that the District has plans to annex property in Harvey County into the drainage district.
2. Westar installed a substation just south of the Harvey Sedgwick County line to supply power for the ASR project.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported on the trip to Washington D.C. to meet with the Kansas Congressional Delegation with regard to the promotion and development of the Logistics Park. In addition to Commissioner Westfall and John Waltner, Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Director of the EDC, and Troy Carlson, Logistics Park Developer Randy Riggs, Newton City Manager, and Willis Heck, Newton Vice-Mayor, also made the trip. Senator Pat Roberts was not able to attend the meetings, but Senator Sam Brownback, Representative Todd Tiahrt, and Representative Jerry Moran expressed great enthusiasm for the project. The group also met with Aaron Severn, Director of Federal Legislative Affairs with the American Wind Energy Association; Rich Glick, Director of Governmental Affairs with Iberdrola Renewables, which is a three billion dollar Spanish Company that builds wind farms worldwide; and Adam Nordstrom, a short line railroad lobbyist with Chambers, Conlon & Hartwell, LLC. The Iberdrola Company gave the group the names of three companies that they use for suppliers.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be a Legislative breakfast held at the Red Coach Inn on Saturday, February 13, 2009.
2. There will be a meeting with the Farm Bureau at the Breadbasket on February 22 at 7:30 a.m.
3. Commissioner Roberson will attend a KCAMP meeting in Topeka on February 23, 2009.

Minutes of the February 1, 2010 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner presented the final reading of a recommendation from Prairie View

to appoint Sami Suffield to serve on the Harvey County Mental Health Advisory Committee as the consumer representative. The consumer representative is an actual client of Prairie View. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept the recommendation from Prairie View to appoint Sami Suffield to serve on the advisory board as the consumer representative and to authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

2. John Waltner reported that the District Court furloughs, which were proposed as a cost saving measure for the State, have been cancelled through the month of February. However, beginning March 25 and weekly thereafter, the Court's staff will be furloughed every Thursday and Friday for twelve weeks.
3. The Commission has received a letter from Mr. Ed Serrano, awarding Tindall Corporation recovery zone bonds in the amount of \$11,000,000 to build a facility at the Kansas Logistics Park. This bond money is not applicable to the bonding limits for Harvey County.
4. The Commission will reschedule the scheduled 1:15 p.m. executive session to 12:00 p.m. and include a working lunch to enable a lengthier period of discussion.
5. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Engineering Technician, presented additional paperwork for the Commission to sign for the construction of the bridge over Sand Creek on Kansas Avenue near Centennial Park. This project will be constructed with funds from the federal stimulus package.
6. Matt Heilman, Newton Kansan Reporter, informed the Commission that he is leaving the Kansan to take a job with another paper. Next week's Commission meeting will be the final meeting that he will report on.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

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

T. Walton, County Sheriff, presented the bids that were received for the repair of the roof on the Detention Center. Bids were received from Buckley Roofing, Wichita; Martin Roofing, Wichita; and Wray Roofing, Newton. There were several different items that were bid with two different alternates. The Commission would like to clarify the bids with the roofing consultant, Ken Yeager, before any action is taken.

The Commission recessed at 11:40 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

At 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 45 minutes to discuss legal matters and economic development. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were Counselor Greg Nye and Charlie Summers. Executive session ended at 12:45 p.m. with no action being taken.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for another 30 minutes to continue to discuss legal matters and economic development. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance were Counselor Greg Nye and Charlie Summers. Executive session ended at 1:28 p.m. with no action being taken.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to recess the meeting until Tuesday, February 9 at 5:00 p.m. when the Commission will reconvene at a joint work session with the City of Newton at Newton City Hall. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Chairman Westfall called the meeting back to order at a joint City of Newton/Harvey County work session at 5:07 p.m. at the Newton City Hall. The following were in attendance:

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| Harvey County Representatives: | Commissioner Chip Westfall |
| | Commissioner Ron Krehbiel |
| | Commissioner Marge Roberson |
| | Administrator John Waltner |
| | Counselor Greg Nye |
| | Charlie Summers, Fiscal Officer |
| | Joyce Truskett, County Clerk |
| City of Newton Representatives: | Mayor Raquel Thiessen |
| | Commissioner Willis Heck |
| | Commissioner Jim Nickel |
| | Commissioner Kevin Pouch |
| | Commissioner Kenneth Hall |
| | Administrator Randy Riggs |
| | Counselor Bob Meyer |
| | Suzanne Loomis, Engineer |
| | Tim Johnson |
| | Erin McDaniel, Public Information Officer |
| | Jim Daily, Chief of Police |
| | Gary Denny, Fire Chief |
| | Lisa Krasuski |
| | Denise Duerksen, City Clerk |
| Director of EDC: | Mickey Fornaro-Dean |
| Newton Kansan Reporter: | Matt Heilman |

Mickey Fornaro Dean reported on the recent trip to Washington D.C. to meet with the Kansas Congressional delegation with regard to the development of the Kansas Logistics Park to be located near the current Newton Industrial Park. The group presented each of the Congressmen with a notebook of information including maps of the project, information regarding Tindall Corporation, brochures, and a power point presentation. The information was well-received by Senator Sam Brownback, Representative Jerry Moran, and Senator Todd Tiahrt. Each pledged to support the project in various ways.

Tim Johnson reported on the potential economic impact of the Tindall Corporation Wind Tower Base Manufacturing Facility at the Kansas Logistics Park. The report details the impact during both the construction phase and the finished facility operating phase, in which approximately 405 workers will be employed.

Suzanne Loomis, City Engineer, provided information and answered questions on the estimated cost of the Logistics Park, which includes land purchases, development cost, sewer extension, water improvements, drainage improvements, and roadway improvements. The total estimated cost of these items at this time is \$14,908,320.

Bob Meyer, City Attorney, presented information on a proposed structure of a City/County interlocal agreement. The agreement is designed using a TIF structure, with interim costs provided by the participating parties. An oversight committee would be appointed to oversee all the details of the project and make recommendations on all items requiring approval by both governing bodies. The financing needed would be handled through grants, loans from City and County reserves, temporary improvement notes, low-interest loans, and general obligation bonds. Although the County approved of the model that was presented, they agreed that they would like to see some solid numbers. It is essential to move quickly, but there is a great deal of risk.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ron Krehbiel, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Marge Roberson, Member