

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 22, 2010

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 22, 2010 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. following a breakfast meeting with Farm Bureau at the Breadbasket.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the Road & Bridge Department did a good job on the Harvey County Roads during another weekend of ice and snow.
2. Commissioner Roberson met with David Warren and Amy Simon regarding the Aquifer Storage Recharge project. Commissioner Roberson stressed to them that Township roads need to be taken care of during the project. She received assurance that they would be. The City of Wichita will also provide a newsletter regarding the ASR Project to try to aid in communication with residents.
3. Commissioner Roberson attended the ReNewton meeting, which dealt with building community relations, as well as physical construction of projects.
4. Commissioner Westfall received a call from Lakin Township reporting that residents had been told by representatives of the ASR Project that there was no money in the project to maintain Township roads.
5. Commissioner Westfall will be making a presentation this evening to livestock producers on the development of the Fairgrounds.
6. The Commission received word that Tindall Corporation will not be accepting the award of the Star bonds. Meeting the time constraints on the bond money was not possible.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Aviation meeting will be held Monday, March 15.
2. The monthly REAP meeting will be held next Monday instead of the regularly scheduled second Monday of each month.

Minutes of the February 16, 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 County has received a copy of a traffic count map for Traffic District #5, which includes Harvey County, from the Kansas Department of Transportation.
2. The first closing on property that qualified for money from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program will occur on Thursday of this week. This is also the first money awarded in the State of Kansas. The County will be working with Habitat for Humanity on other parts of the program.

3. John Waltner, Kevin Timmermeyer, and Byron Warta made a presentation at the Life Enrichment Series at Bethel College on February 17th. The title of the presentation was "What's new in the area by the Newton City/County Airport."
4. Craig Clough, County Appraiser, and Glenda Mills, Deputy Appraiser, reported the preliminary values for 2010, which will be sent to property owners on Friday of this week. The total valuation of all property is up approximately 2.7%, but there is approximately 14 million of that valuation that is pending exemption. Agricultural land value has decreased by 1.6%, mostly due to state restrictions on valuation of that land. Extra phone lines will be set up in the Appraiser's office to allow property owners to begin the protest process.
5. Chairman Westfall reported that Ron Braun, Mayor of North Newton, publicly thanked the Road & Bridge Department for stocking salt and sand and loading their trucks for them. Todd Hanchett also thanked Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, for the dirt work done at the shooting range at the Transfer Station.
6. No work has yet been done by the Townships regarding a citizen complaint about a drainage problem at SW 36th Street and Meridian.
7. Chairman Westfall informed the Commission that core drilling testing will begin soon at the new Fairgrounds site.

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.

At 10:00 a.m., Todd Hanchett, Deputy County Sheriff, opened bids for the purchase of 2 jeep Liberty vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Bid request sheets were sent to 8 dealers. The bids were to reflect the trade-in of a 2002 Silverado with 97,000 miles, and a 2004 Chevy Venture with 85,000 miles. Three bids were received as follows:

Resnik Motors, Newton	\$37,362 with trade
Parks Motors, Augusta	35,440 with trade
Davis Moore	37,116 with trade

Scott Tunnell, sales representative from Parks Motors attended the bid opening. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the low bid from Parks Motors, pending verification of all bid specifications. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:15 a.m. the Commission recessed until 10:30 a.m. for the bid opening for the 2010 Roadway Sealing Project.

Paul Ferguson, Engineer with Poe & Associates, opened bids for the 2010 Roadway Sealing Project, which includes 21 miles of roadway. The bids received were as follows:

APAC Kansas, Shear Div	\$548,547.36
Blevins Asphalt Construction Co, Inc.	571,319.69
Heft & Sons, LLC	586,358.80
High Plains Sand, Inc.	No Bid Received
Vance Brothers, Inc.	561,557.90
Engineers Estimate	531,724.80

Since none of the bids met the requirements of the engineer's estimate, the bid approval will be tabled until the next Commission meeting. There was discussion about the possibility of negotiating with the low bidder as opposed to starting over again with the bid process. Counselor Greg Nye will check to see how the County should proceed with this issue.

Paul Ferguson presented a form to be signed by the Commission to add a bridge to the KDOT five-year plan. The bridge spans Black Kettle Creek just south of Highway 50 north of Halstead. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to sign the form which places the bridge on the KDOT five-year plan for local projects. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 55 minutes to discuss attorney client privilege. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were Counselor Greg Nye, City Attorney Bob Meyers, Attorney Joe Norton, from Gilmore & Bell, and Charlie Summers. Executive session ended at 11:45 a.m. with no action being taken.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ron Krehbiel, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Marge Roberson, Member