

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 11, 2010

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 11, 2010 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall stated that John Waltner, newly appointed County Administrator, has resigned as Chairman of REAP and will be replaced by Kristey Williams, Mayor of Augusta. He has also resigned his position as Mayor of Hesston.
2. Commissioner Westfall commended the Road & Bridge Department for assisting the City of Newton by hauling road salt from Hutchinson during the recent winter storm. The Department hauled 175 tons of salt for the City.
3. Commissioner Westfall congratulated Sheriff T. Walton and his department for the dedicated work in uncovering a theft ring in a rural storage building in Harvey County. The weather situation was extremely difficult with snow and very low temperatures, and the deputies persisted in the investigation and discovered \$100,000 worth of stolen property from seven different counties.
4. Commissioner Roberson gave a report on the Public Private Partnership meeting she attended last week. The City of Newton continues to work on the Logistics Park and the convention center and hotel. Some of the county school districts have elected to join other school districts in pursuing a lawsuit against the State of Kansas for increased funding for schools. Halstead School District and Sedgwick School District have chosen to work directly with the State rather than pursuing the lawsuit. The expansion of Park Aircraft Technology Corporation continues at the Newton City/County Airport. The EDC continues to work on the Logistics Park. Hutchinson Community College Brooks Training Center classes are full. The College is also looking for qualified instructors. North Newton's elderly population is being affected by Medicare reimbursement cuts which are a concern for the City. The Chamber of Commerce is starting a new magnet program which will focus on retail and services for the entire community.
5. John Waltner reported that the Kansas State Department of Commerce supported the request from Steve Lang Hardwoods in Burrton for interim financing until the CDBG funding becomes available.
6. Commissioner Westfall reviewed the meeting of the Fairgrounds Development Council held last Tuesday. Fundraising for the project was discussed. Information and assistance with the development and design of fundraising campaigns are available through both KU and K-State. They also plan to work some with Bethel College.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall and John Waltner will attend a KDOT meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Friday in Topeka. This meeting will address the 36th Street Interchange of I-135 and the development of the area near there.
2. The Courthouse will be closed Monday, January 18 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.
3. The annual Township meeting at the Road and Bridge shop will be held February 1, 2010.

Minutes of the January 4, 2010 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

AMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve a proclamation proclaiming January 14, 2009 as Dr. Frances Allen Day. Dr. Allen is a long time physician and supporter of the arts in Harvey County. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Rita Flickinger, Health Department Director, reported that the Department has done an excellent job in distributing and administering vaccinations for the H1N1 flu virus. Harvey County received recognition nationally for how well it handled services and distributed vaccine. Although approximately 19% of the County has been vaccinated, more vaccine is available and the Health Department is looking at ways to encourage folks to receive vaccinations. At the current time, the Newton Medical Center emergency room is seeing more pneumonia than flu-like symptoms, so the Health Department would like to encourage both the H1N1 vaccine and the pneumonia vaccine. It was suggested that a big screen TV be purchased with federal funds made available for the H1N1 vaccine and then folks who receive the vaccine would be eligible for a drawing to win the TV. The Commissioners agreed that it would be better to offer incentives that would showcase and highlight the services of the Health Department.
3. John presented **Resolution No. 2010-3**, setting salaries for Harvey County Department Heads. All positions remain the same as set in 2009 with the exception of the Director of Department on Aging. This salary will increase because the Director has been employed by the county three years or less. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the resolution setting salaries and Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. John Waltner will be meeting with the Newton Ministerial Alliance on Wednesday, January 13 to share the Harvey County Wellness Program. A healthy sack lunch will be served.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

No items were presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by

Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Roberson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Chip Westfall as the Chairman of the Commission for the year 2010. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Chairman Westfall made a motion to appoint Commissioner Ron Krehbiel as Vice-Chair of the Commission for the year 2010. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel, the Commissioners were appointed to the following boards:

Chairman Westfall	Aviation Board REAP Board Public Building Commission Fairgrounds Site Development Committee Public Private Partnership
Commissioner Roberson	Coordinated Transit Board CDDO Committee Harvey County Council of Governments Alternate for REAP Board
Commissioner Krehbiel	Board of Community Corrections Regional Youth Advisory Board Central Kansas Solid Waste Authority Little Arkansas River Water Board (WRAP)

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint John Waltner to fill any board or committee positions vacated by the former County Administrator. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve a KDOT award of contract and commitment of county funds for Bridge #40 C-4242-01, located on west 12th Street. The low bidder for the contract is Bridges, Inc. of Newton. The total amount of the bridge contract is \$847,704.25. The amount of the County portion of the bridge replacement will be \$177,000.00. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. & Mrs. Rex Schecter, landowners near the developing Logistics Park attended the meeting to ask who would be representing private property owners in the County with this development. The Schecters have not been able to obtain information as to whether their property will be annexed into the City of Newton and whether the property will be taken by Eminent Domain or

purchased by the City. They were encouraged to make an appointment with the City Manager or the City Attorney.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 1:15 p.m., with Commissioner Roberson absent because of illness.

Craig Clough, Appraiser, informed the Commissioners that **Resolution No. 2009-17**, granting an exemption from ad valorem taxation to Park Aircraft Technology Corporation, was returned by the Kansas Court of Tax Appeals for amendment. The resolution needed to be reworded with more specific language. To amend this resolution, Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution 2010-4**, which states pursuant to Section 13 of Article 11 of the Kansas Constitution, the Board of Harvey County Commissioners hereby finds that the exemption provided for in this resolution will increase the valuation of the subject real estate in relation to the applicant's expansion project of its facilities and that the facilities operate exclusively for manufacturing articles of commerce and that the exemption is required to and will serve to retain existing jobs in the State of Kansas and will create additional jobs. Chairman Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Director of the Harvey County Economic Development Council, updated the Commission on the progress of the Kansas Logistics Park and the goals for the coming six months. These goals include, but are not limited to meeting with State government leaders, and traveling to Washington D.C. to meet with Kansas Senators and Representatives. There is to be a workshop held in Wichita by the Great Lakes Wind Network. This group represents all suppliers in the wind energy field. Commissioner Krehbiel related the concerns raised by the Schecters with regard to the Logistics Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Marge Roberson, Chairman

ATTEST:

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Ron Krehbiel, Member