

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 19, 2010

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 19, 2010 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Chairman Westfall read a letter of commendation for Harvey County Undersheriff Todd Hanchett, Detective Jim Sauerwein, Deputy Tim Boese, Deputy Scott Perkins, and Newton Police Department Canine Officer, Jason Thompson. On January 5 these officers, through alertness and persistent law enforcement work, arrested suspects and recovered stolen goods worth an estimated \$100,000. The arrests will lead to solving multiple burglaries in a six-county area. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve and sign the letter of commendation. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Commissioner Westfall received a letter from the State of Kansas informing the Commission that dam inspections will now be the responsibility of the County.
3. John Waltner and Commissioner Westfall attended a KDOT meeting in Topeka regarding the 36th Street exit on I-135. The interchange will need to be upgraded to accommodate the needs of the Logistics Park. Both short-term and long-term solutions were discussed.

Minutes of the January 11, 2010 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Roberson will attend a KCAMP meeting in Topeka on January 26 and 27.

AMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Margaret Hermstein, Register of Deeds, reported on a program held Sunday at the Harvey County Historical Museum last Sunday. The program was presented by Newton City Attorney, Bob Meyer, who presented a story from the 1800's when the record books of the Register of Deeds Office were set on fire. Ms. Hermstein donated the fire-burned books to the Historical Museum, where they are now on display.
2. John Waltner extended an invitation from Eugene Wendling to the Commission to attend the annual Valentine's lasagna banquet at the Halstead Catholic Church. The dinner will be held on February 13th at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel and spouse and possibly Commissioner Roberson and spouse will attend.
3. The repair of the Halstead bridge just north of the downtown area is set to begin

- soon. Harvey County has been contacted by Bob Cook, KDOT representative, about the possibility of detouring traffic to County Road #801 if possible. Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that the weight limit of the bridge over Black Kettle Creek on CR #801 is adequate for the increased traffic. The bridge repair is being funded by the Kansas Department of Transportation.
4. Harvey County Park Rangers, Lloyd Stoddard and Kass Miller, presented the proposed 2010 fees for the Harvey County Parks. Annual permits have been changed to a seasonal pass which is good for an unlimited number of days during the season, which is April 1st through October 15th. Daily rates will apply during the off season, which is October 16th through March 31. Separate fees for County and Non-County residents have been eliminated, with everyone subject to the same fees. The changes were reviewed by the Parks Advisory Council and approved. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-5**, setting fees for the year 2010 for the Harvey County Parks. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 5. Commissioner Krehbiel and Commissioner Westfall visited Harvey County West Park last weekend to observe the annual Scout Jamboree. There was concern about roads being blocked by parked vehicles during the event. The roads need to be kept clear for any emergency vehicles that may need to get through. There were approximately 4,555 attendants at the Jamboree with additional people who attended only through the day. In addition to Kansas there were at least 8 states represented.
 6. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he attended a pre-bid conference meeting with bidders interested in the roofing project for the Harvey County Detention Center.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizen's present for Citizen's Forum.

Phil Adams opened bids for the construction of two metal lean-to structures at the Road and Bridge yard. The bids submitted were as follows:

Carmichael Construction	\$56,829
Regier Construction	39,784
Brandewiede Buildings	45,792

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the low bid from Regier Construction. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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

Rich Hanley, Director of Department on Aging, requested that the Commission sign a letter of support to accompany a grant application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for the purchase of a van to be used by Rescare. Harvey County Transportation Department has an

agreement with Rescare to provide some public transportation, therefore making them eligible to apply for the grant. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to sign the letter of support for continued operation and service of Harvey County Transportation. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Hanley also reported that the Transportation Department is being considered for some pilot projects with KDOT.

John Waltner and the Commission reviewed a January 2010 report on economic development in the South Central Kansas region. The report shows disproportionate distribution of funds from the State as compared to what is contributed from this area. It is important that representatives of this geographical area be willing to serve on committees and attend meetings. The legislature also needs to be informed that there are decisions being made that work against this region.

Courtney Becker, Director of Communications, and Don Gruver, Assistant Director of Communications, presented a license agreement with Southern Star Pipeline Company to co-locate a 911 antenna on Southern Star's existing radio tower located just west of Hesston. There are a few changes yet to make in the agreement and it will be brought back next week for final approval.

At 11:07 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 43 minutes to discuss personnel issues and confer with the County Counselor. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 11:45 a.m. with no action being taken. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to extend the executive session another 10 minutes. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 11:55 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ron Krehbiel, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Marge Roberson, Member