

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 25, 2010

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on January 25, 2010 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he attended the Central Kansas Solid Waste Authority meeting Wednesday, January 20, 2010 via a conference call. There were no new items discussed.
2. The Commissioners received a letter from Patricia Nelson with Mileage Maxx regarding fuel conservation. Commissioner Westfall asked that a thank you letter be sent to her and let her know we are already involved in fuel conservation. John will send her a letter.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Roberson noted a conflict on February 1 between the Annual Township Meeting and the Annual Harvey County Conservation District Meeting. John Waltner will notify the Conservation District that the Commissioners will not be able to attend their meeting because of the conflict.

Minutes of the January 19, 2010 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

AMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner asked for a count for the February 13 Valentine Dinner sponsored by the Catholic Church in Halstead. Gene Wendling invites the commissioners and other staff and their spouses every year to be his guest.
2. Harvey County will be participating in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. We have received proposals from Habitat for Humanity and Mennonite Housing.
3. Tim Johnson informed John Waltner that City of Newton and North Newton are initiating a long-range comprehensive growth planning meeting. They are inviting Harvey County to participate in this meeting.
4. Governor's Grant Advisory Committee met with Harvey County and the City of Newton to conduct an interview to pick a city to receive a domestic violence grant. At the meeting they announced that Newton has been chosen to receive this grant and participate in this program.
5. John presented a letter to request annexation of City of Newton property for the fairgrounds. Chairman Krehbiel moved to authorize annexation and rezoning of 12.278 acres of commercial property at the fairgrounds, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Harvey County and City of Newton are engaged in partnership with Initiatives Inc. consultant Troy Carlson for the new logistics park. Mr. Troy Carlson's

services are \$10,500 a month which we have been splitting with the City of Newton. Commissioner Roberson moved that we continue the contractual agreement with the City of Newton in contracting Mr. Carlson's services and authorize payment of his services for the next six months beginning January 2010 at a cost of \$5,250 per month, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Cindy Chavez, Sedgwick Township resident, attended the Commission meeting to express concern about flooding on their property which is in Sedgwick Township but maintained by Darlington Township. They would like a ditch graded that would help cut down on the flooding. Mrs. Chavez stated they are willing to put in the culvert. Leo Stahly, Darlington Township, said that they are trying to get a cost on how much it would cost to clean out the area and put in a ditch. There is also a phone line that may need to be moved.
8. Phil reported that because of the fog last week it was hard to get too much done. Work is being done on the bridge between Rock and Ridge Roads. Chairman Westfall received a call about the possibility of tearing down the bridge east of the bridge that is being worked on.
9. Sheriff Walton reported that they put in a lot of hours on the shooting on Highway 50 last week.
10. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge, got signatures from the Commissioners on the contract for Federal-Aid Road Construction Engineering by the County (Force Account Agreement), Project No. 40C-4242-01, 12th Street Bridge.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

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

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

Courtney Becker, Communications Director, presented the License Agreement between Harvey County and Southern Star. Greg Nye, County Counsel, reviewed the changes in the agreement. Commissioner Krehbiel moved that the Commission Chairman be authorized to sign the Lease Agreement with Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. for the radio equipment on their tower, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously. Courtney discussed the E911 legislation that is being presented to the legislature. Courtney thinks Harvey County could gain money through this bill. He suggests that the commissioners e-mail our representatives to support this bill.

Lloyd Stoddard and Shannon Metz from West Park presented specs and bids for a used truck for West Park. Bids on three vehicles have been received from two dealers. The Dodge Dakota truck is newer, has the lowest mileage, best warranty and is under the amount budgeted. Commissioner Krehbiel moved to approve purchase of the Dodge Dakota truck from Midway Motors for a cost of \$13,251.80, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

Lloyd reported that he had talked to the neighbors about reopening the south end of the road on the east side of the Little Arkansas River so traffic can flow through West Park on that side and there weren't any problems. They will leave everything on the neighbor's side and just remove vegetation from the east side. Commissioner Roberson moved to give Road & Bridge and West Park authority to develop the southeast corner road for traffic into West Park, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion was also held about moving the area where campers leave their trailers on the west side of the park to a high point on the east side. Kass Miller reported that he is receiving lots of applications for the maintenance/ranger position.

At 10:37 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 23 minutes to discuss personnel matters and economic development issues. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 11:00 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ron Krehbiel, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Marge Roberson, Member