

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 12, 2010

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 12, 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 Roberson attended the Community Partnership breakfast last week. She reported that the school district received a 27% increase in health insurance premiums. Barbara Bunting is the new president of the USD 373 school board. It was also reported that there will be a mill increase of approximately 15 mills in the City of Sedgwick.
2. Commissioner Roberson asked if contact had been made with Brad Jantz, Attorney for the City of Sedgwick. There is property within the City that is currently under the ownership of Harvey County and will need to be deeded to the City of Sedgwick. He will be contacted this week.
3. Commissioner Westfall observed two low water bridges in Allen County over the weekend.
4. It was reported at this morning's REAP meeting that the current unemployment rate for Harvey County is 6.9%. The Kansas Affordable Airfares Program funding was awarded to Sedgwick County for the 2010-2011 year

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Roberson will attend the KCAMP meeting on July 15th and 16th in Kansas City.

Minutes of the July 6, 2010 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commission received the Five-Year Approved Construction Program for bridge replacements in Harvey County. The three bridges included on the list are located 6 miles north of Burrton over the Little Arkansas River, .10 miles east of Hesston on Dutch Avenue, and 5.5 miles north and 4.5 miles west of Halstead on 36th Street. The list will be discussed in more detail when Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, is able to attend the meeting.
2. John Waltner reported that a conference call was held last Thursday with a representative of Standard & Poor; Dustin Avey of Piper Jaffrey & Associates; and John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Charlie Summers, and Joyce Truskett from Harvey County. Notice of the Standard & Poor rating should be received on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

3. The Commission received a thank-you note from Rita Flickinger, retiring Director of the Health Department. John also reported that Jo Miller, new Health Department Director, would like to hire someone to fill the open position as Bio-Terrorism Officer.
4. The City has requested a meeting with the County and the EDC on Tuesday, August 24 at 5:00 p.m. An update on the progress of the development of the Kansas Logistics Park will be presented.
5. The Chamber of Commerce breakfast, which will be held this Friday at 7:00 a.m. at the Red Coach Motel, will be sponsored by the Harvey County Worksite Wellness Coalition. Dr. Early from the KU Medical Center will be one of the speakers.
6. An amendment to the Preparedness Grant application submitted by the Health Department was presented to the Commissioners. The amendment increases the grant application amount from \$31,513.48 to \$63,743.48. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. The Kansas Department of Transportation has requested that the County Transportation Department end the existing sub-recipient contract with ResCare Inc. because they are a for-profit organization. The contract was originally drawn between Harvey County and Northview Developmental Center, who was a non-profit organization. The existing contract continued after ResCare Inc. purchased Northview.
8. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has developed a planning grant program for the purpose of assisting communities with housing, economic development, transportation, and water quality. Grant funds could vary from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000, and would require a 20% match from the recipients. Harvey, Sedgwick, Reno, Butler, and Sumner Counties are eligible for grant monies. The grant application will be submitted by the REAP organization on or before August 23.
9. The Commission discussed the draft agreement between Harvey County and the area funeral homes for the burial of indigent decedents. Greg Nye reported that although there will no longer be funding from SRS, there would still need to be a determination by SRS as to whether the decedent would have received the indigent benefit. Funeral directors do not want to be required to contact SRS for the determination, so the agreement will be reworded to require the Coroner's Office to contact SRS. There was also discussion regarding the wording in the agreement for the seizure of assets of the decedent. Counselor Nye will obtain additional information from the funeral directors before the wording of the agreement is finalized.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

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

Kass Miller, Lloyd Stoddard, Shannon Metz, and Ryan Flaming presented the 2011 proposed budget for the Parks Department. The Commission reviewed a report on the usage of the Park Shelters and the revenue generated for each. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

T Walton, Sheriff, presented the proposed 2011 budget for the Sheriff's Office. At the urging of the Communications Department, Sheriff Walton proposes using air cards rather than modems in the patrol cars. Each air card costs about \$832, but the license fee for the air cards will come out of the communications budget. In 2009 revenue at the Detention Center was over \$1,000,000. The revenue is increased by housing more federal prisoners. However, it is difficult to sustain an increased jail population with the present staffing. Although it is not reflected in the budget request, Sheriff Walton is asking for one additional patrol officer and one additional detention officer. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Becky Fields, County Treasurer, presented the proposed 2011 treasurer's budget. The State is completely revamping the motor vehicle computer system. The budget for the Drivers License Office contains an increase to accommodate the purchase of necessary equipment for the new system. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Anthony Swartzendruber presented the proposed 2011 budget for the Administration Office. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

At 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss economic development. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 3:00 p.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ron Krehbiel, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Marge Roberson, Member