

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 19, 2010

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

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Roberson reported the highlights of the KCAMP meeting she attended last week.
2. Commissioner Westfall received a letter from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. He also received a letter from the Kansas Association of Counties requesting nominations for County Official of the year.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners will attend the 4-H supporter's picnic on July 20.
2. The Halstead Bridge rededication will be held on Thursday, July 22 at 2:30 p.m.
3. Commissioner Westfall will attend the REAP economic development meeting to be held on Thursday, July 22 at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes of the July 12, 2010 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. After further communication with the Kansas Department of Transportation, the sub-recipient contract with ResCare will not be terminated until the end of the year rather than immediate termination.
2. There are some alternative ideas being discussed by participating Indigent Defense Panel Attorneys with regard to how to handle and document cases assigned to the Panel.
3. John Waltner and Jo Miller, Director of the Health Department, will meet this week with Jeree Forbes, Director of Health Ministries, and representatives from Newton Medical Center, to discuss the budget crisis at Health Ministries.
4. John reported that Harvey County has received an A bond rating from Standard and Poor's. It is possible that the County would have received a higher rating if there was a formal policy in place with regard to the percentage of County reserves, and a policy on how they are used. John plans to implement a policy for this later in the year.
5. John Waltner received a letter from Judge Richard Walker regarding a juvenile defendant that is required to have a mental evaluation. An existing agreement between Harvey County and Prairie View will not cover the cost of the evaluation which could be a significant expense. Sheriff T. Walton asked if it would be possible to do the evaluation at the Detention Center, which would eliminate a daily hospitalization fee while the evaluation is being done. There was also a question about whether ComCare could do the evaluation for a lower fee.

6. Counselor Greg Nye has sent a letter to an individual who has requested payment of a medical bill for an incident that occurred at the Health Department after a patient was given an injection. The patient apparently passed out and fell off of an examination table. An ambulance was called to transport the patient to the Emergency Room of Newton Medical Center. The insurance policy held by the County paid \$1,000 of the charges, which is what the policy stipulates without admitting liability for the incident. There is a remaining balance owed to Newton Medical Center for \$1,300.
7. John reminded the Commission that a joint meeting with the City of Newton and the EDC has been scheduled for August 24, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall to receive an update on the development of the Kansas Logistics Park.
8. Counselor Greg Nye provided additional information to the Commission regarding the agreement with funeral homes for the burial of indigent decedents. The agreement states that the decedent shall be cremated for a set fee. The County is searching for an appropriate site to scatter the ashes of the decedents. Commissioner Roberson stated that the City of Newton may be able to provide a place for the ashes.
9. John reported that we have received verification from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment that the permits for the Harvey County Transfer Station are in order and have been approved for the next year.
10. Sheriff T. Walton reported that Todd Hanchett, Undersheriff, has completed the repairs on the old dental building across the street south of the Courthouse. The building will be used as a workout facility and storage area for the Law Enforcement Center. Greg Nye will draft an agreement with the City of Newton for usage of the facility.
11. The Morgan Law Office building located across the street south of the Courthouse is scheduled to be moved by the middle of August.
12. Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that construction on the bridge on Kansas Avenue just north of Centennial Park is progressing although there was a shale layer encountered when trying to drill for the piers. The first pier has now been completed. The 2010 sealing project for the County has been completed. Work is also progressing on the bridge on West 12th street.
13. Counselor Greg Nye has talked to Brad Jantz, Attorney for Sedgwick City, and Jaci Reimer, City Administrator, and requested that Brad send all the legal descriptions of the property owned by Harvey County that needs to be deeded to the City of Sedgwick.

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. David Yoder, County Attorney, presented the proposed 2011 budget for the County Attorney's Office. The office currently has hired a part-time person to review the statutory provisions listed on the JSI software, which was purchased a couple of years ago. The software has not worked as

it should because of the statutory referencing. Most of the proposed budget did not contain increases, with the exception of the request for new computers. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Craig Clough, Appraiser, presented the proposed 2011 budget for the Appraiser's Office. The conversion of the CAMA system to the new Orion system is set for August. A high speed printer will have to be purchased to accommodate the new system. Training expenses will also increase. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented the proposed 2011 budget for the Road and Bridge department. The budget includes a request to overlay 3 1/2 miles on NW 36th Street. There are only three bridges on the five-year plan although there are two more that have been designated as needing repair. Mr. Adams believes that there is not funding for more than three so they do not appear on the list. The Commissioner will take the proposed budget under advisement.

John Waltner presented the proposed 2011 Courthouse General Budget. The budget includes half of the salary for the Special Projects Director and also includes an amount to cover the agreement with the City of Newton for the County share of tax revenues for residences at Sand Creek Station. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Elizabeth Schmidt, Director of the Harvey/Marion County Community Developmentally Disabled Organization, presented the proposed 2011 budget for the CDDO. The organization serves 104 residents in Harvey County, 5 of which are children. Harvey County funds \$100,000 of the needs of the Organization and Marion County funds \$62,000. The requested amount will remain the same as was requested the prior two years. Ms. Schmidt expressed appreciation for the funding and support from Harvey County.

At 1:40 p.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were Counselor Greg Nye, John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Charlie Summers, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 1:55 p.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ron Krehbiel, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Marge Roberson, Member