

**MINUTES OF**  
**BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**June 21, 2010**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 21, 2010 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Counselor Greg Nye asked that a brief executive session be added to the agenda to discuss attorney/client privilege.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that the application submitted by MidCap for the Kansas Emergency Shelter grant has been denied.
3. Commissioner Westfall had good reports from folks who had used the new shelter at West Park. There was a suggestion that maybe something could be done to lessen the echo in the building.
4. Commissioner Westfall also had a citizen complaint about washouts on the bridge just west of Woodlawn on Dutch.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. There will be no REAP meeting in August.
2. There will be no Council of Governments meeting in July and August.
3. The Commissioners will participate in the Chisholm Trail parade in July.

Minutes of the June 14, 2010 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously. John also presented an addition to the minutes of the Public Building Commission which are attached to the Commission minutes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John presented information from Scott Davies, Director of Planning and Zoning, regarding changes in enforcement of feedlot regulations. The Environmental Protection Agency has taken action against three feedlot operations in EPA Region 7, for discharges of pollutants into the region's rivers and streams.
2. Commissioner Roberson gave the Commission information on the two positions up for re-appointment on the CDDO Board. Bev Metcalf and Lou Didier have each agreed to serve another three-year term on the Board if reappointed. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to reappoint and waive the second week reading for Bev Metcalf and Lou Didier to the CDDO Board. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Craig Clough introduced William McCulley, of McCulley & Associates, appraisal consultants. They presented results from the 2009 final Real Estate Appraisal Sales Ratio Study. Although existing sales were down about 17% for residential property, available tax credits created a surge in home sales. The median ratio for

residential property is 96.4. The median ratio for commercial and industrial property is 68.2. Mr. Clough also explained that Harvey County will begin transferring data from the current CAMA system to the new ORION system. ORION is a PC based system and Harvey County has chosen to use the servers at the Kansas Property Valuation Department rather than purchase servers.

4. Lonnie Buller, Emergency Management Director, reported that Governor Parkinson has signed an Emergency Disaster proclamation in 77 counties which includes Harvey County. This will enable the county to receive some FEMA funding for repairs. Parts of the county experienced significant flooding during recent storms, incurring estimated damage in the amount of \$250,000.
5. Sheriff T. Walton reported that an inmate at the Detention Center kicked out a window. The cost to replace the window is approximately \$1,000.
6. Phil Adams, Superintendent of Road & Bridge reported that there are a lot of areas in the east half of the county that received damage from the recent storms, however, most roads have been repaired.

#### **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.

Courtney Becker, Director, and Don Gruver, Assistant Director, presented the proposed 2011 budget for the Communications Department. The budget represents an approximate 2.5% increase in the budget. The budget includes the purchase of new ergonomic consoles, which will be funded from the landline fund. The budget also includes a matching amount of \$6,000 for a radio grant for the Halstead Fire Department. This will also be funded from landline funds. The Department proposes the addition of another full time staff person. Courtney also suggested that there be a designated supervisor for each shift. The Commission will take the budget under advisement.

Chris McGinn and Paula Sims presented the proposed 2011 Extension Council budget. The budget includes a 2% salary increase for 7 employees plus an additional 5% to cover increasing health insurance premiums. There will be no increase in State funding for salaries. The Extension Council budget requires approval within 10 days according to State statute. Commissioner Roberson made a move to approve the Extension Council budget as presented. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The Commissioners were invited to the 4-H Supporter's picnic to be held on July 20.

Roger Ahrens, Treasurer for the Harvey County EDC Board, presented the proposed 2011 EDC budget. Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Rich Meister, Dennis LeFevre, Byron Warta, Ron Lang, and Larry Williams attended the meeting to hear the proposal and answer questions. Mr. Ahrens reviewed the 2009 year, which has been a busy and challenging year for the EDC. An outside consultant, Troy Carlson was brought in to help with the development of the Logistics Park. The

current contract with Mr. Carlson will expire this summer. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

At 10:45 a.m. the Commission left to attend the Quad County meeting in Eldorado.

At 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss attorney/client privilege. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session was Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 2:10 p.m. with no action being taken.

Jesse Kaye, President and Chief Executive Officer of Prairie View Inc., presented the proposed 2011 budget for Prairie View. Pam Burns, Vice-President of Operations; Jenny Fast, Office Supervisor, and Board members Ellen Samuelson and Marvin Zehr assisted. The requested amount is \$120,000 compared with funding of \$118,000 for the prior year. Ms. Kaye explained the function of Prairie View both as a Community Mental Health Center and also as a privately funded hospital. The crisis line handled nearly 10,000 calls in the past year. The Commission will take the budget under advisement.

Levi Goossen, Steve Swanson on behalf of Steve Johnson, and Sue Ann Jantz presented a proposal for the 2011 Indigent Defense Panel budget. The proposal is to raise the amount allocated to the Panel to \$62.50 per hour. The current allocation for the Panel is \$135,000 per year and represents an hourly rate of approximately \$39.00 per hour. Ms. Jantz said that there are only six attorneys that are willing to serve on the Panel for the 2011 year. An amount of \$120,000 per year was allocated to the Panel for seven years with no increase. Although the allocation amount was increased to \$135,000 in 2007, court records did not indicate an increase in the number of attorney hours spent on each case. The Commission will take the budget under advisement.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Ron Krehbiel, Member

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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

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Marge Roberson, Member