

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

**March 1, 2010**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 1, 2010 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

T. Walton, Sheriff, and Todd Hanchett, Undersheriff, opened bids received for the purchase of two 2010 4-door sedans and one 2010 4 X 4, extended cab 1/2 ton truck. Three bids were received as follows:

Shep Chevrolet, Haven	\$64,057.00	w/trade
Conklin Cars, Newton	36,661.10	w/trade (no truck bid)
Don Hattan Chevrolet, Wichita	59,654.00	w/trade

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the low bid from Don Hattan Chevrolet in the amount of \$59,654.00. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Roberson provided a copy of information reflecting state funding that have been taken from cities and counties since 2006. A total of \$556,488,796 in funding from the State has now been taken away.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that stimulus funding for aviation workers who have lost their jobs is available for the entire state of Kansas. Application may be made at the Workforce Alliance Center here in Newton.

Minutes of the February 22 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The Aviation meeting will be held Monday, March 22 instead of March 15.
2. The CDDO Board meetings will no longer be held in the County Commission Room. The meetings will be held at the CDDO office at 500 Main Place.
3. The Commissioners have been invited to attend the annual meeting of Communities in Schools which will be held on Thursday, March 4th at the Library at 12:00 p.m.
4. A retirement reception for Victoria Carrion, who is retiring from the Appraiser's Office, will be held on March 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Appraiser's Office.
5. Harvey County Council of Governments will meet at the Breadbasket at 7:00 a.m. on March 10.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. The Commission signed letters of congratulations to be presented to the 4-H Hippology Team who won first place in a competition held at the National 4-H Western in Denver, Colorado. Participating team members were Heather Hedrick, Abbey Pomeroy, Emily Pomeroy, and Tyler Wedel. The letters will be presented to each team member during a reception in the Courthouse Community Room this afternoon.
2. A list of appointed board members for Burrton Consolidated Fire District #5 was presented to the Commission for approval. This item will be tabled until next week after Counselor Greg Nye has researched the proper procedure for fire boards.
3. Counselor Greg Nye reported that the County was never compensated by a citizen who farmed a tract of land just west of the Transfer Station. This issue was taken to court and Judge Hilgers ruled that the County would have to have proof, such as a picture of the crops growing, that the ground was actually farmed. Therefore no rent will be received for the last two years. The land boundaries will be marked so that the land cannot be used for farming by the adjacent landowner.
4. Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendant, reported that the Department is working on three culvert replacements, which will cost approximately \$26,000.

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

Paul Ferguson, Engineer for Poe & Associates, reported that the County can accept the low bid of \$548,547.36 received last week from APAC for the 2010 road chip seal. The low bid was 3.2% over the engineer's estimate, which is within statutory guidelines in K.S.A. 68-521, which states that the bid can be accepted if it is less than 110% of the engineer's estimate. An amount of \$542,000 has been budgeted by the County for this project. Mr. Ferguson will attempt to negotiate with APAC to determine if the cost can be lowered.

Bob Coleman attended the meeting to clear up issues in the purchase of the old Bigg's property at 239 South Meridian. The property is currently under an Industrial Revenue Bond that must be released by the Commission. The release paperwork from Gilmore and Bell, Bonding Company, has not yet been completed. Mr. Coleman will come back to the Commission meeting next week, after the proper paperwork has been received by the County.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.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