

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

**October 11, 2010**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 11, 2010 with Commissioner Westfall and Commissioner Roberson present. Commissioner Krehbiel was absent. Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Roberson received a call from Mrs. Clark whose residence is located across the road from the new cell phone tower near the City of Sedgwick. She was concerned about the aesthetics of the site and asked what type of screening was supposed to be done. Scott Davies, Director of Planning and Zoning, will check to see what the cell phone company had agreed to.
2. Chairman Westfall and Commissioner Roberson presented awards at the annual 4-H Club banquet last week.
3. The Commission received a letter from FEMA regarding properties that are now exempted from the flood plain.
4. The Commission received a letter from APAC indicating that there will be a 2" shoulder drop off at the edge of the road after the overlay on Halstead Road is completed. Phil Adams, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that the Road and Bridge Department applies shoulders on every overlay project.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Roberson will attend a KCAMP meeting in Topeka on October 20 and 21.
2. Commissioner Westfall received an invitation to attend an open house at the National Center of Aviation Training which is located at Jabara Airport. The open house will be held on October 27 at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of the October 4, 2010 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Chairman Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Kass Miller, East Lake Park Ranger, presented a revised copy of the final regulations for hunting at County Parks. All changes proposed by the Commission have been added and corrections have been made.
2. John Waltner reported that the auditor has advised that according to K.S.A 19-716, either Counselor Greg Nye or David Yoder, County Attorney, is required to pass upon the bills presented to the Commission for approval.
3. John reported that he has talked with the Wellness Committee and Department

Heads about the topic of the wellness bonus. The bonus is paid out in the first part of December and is dependent on use of sick leave during the year. Approximately 1/3 of the employees receive the bonus. Criticisms of the bonus are that salaried employees use sick leave that is not reported; employees come to work even though they are ill to avoid the use of sick leave; and it disproportionately mitigates against parents of young children who have to take their children to the doctor. It is suggested that the bonus be paid this year as scheduled, and then eliminate the bonus in 2011. The money will be used to further the wellness program in a more productive manner.

4. The Sheriff's office received a grant in the amount of \$2,700 to pay 50% of the cost of bullet proof vests. The vests cost between \$600 and \$700.
5. There will be a joint Newton City/Harvey County work session held on October 26 to discuss developments with the Kansas Logistics Park. The meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.
6. All employees have been asked to take the KCAMP on-line course about preventing slips, trips, and falls.
7. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to adopt and sign **Resolution No. 2010-28**, determining the necessity of appropriating certain private property for use by the Board of County Commissioners and authorizing a survey and description of such property to be prepared and filed with the County Clerk. Chairman Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. John informed the Commissioners that he will be out of town on Thursday and Friday of this week. Anthony Swartzendruber will also be out of town Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday attending the GFOA conference in Overland Park.
9. Phil Adams reported that there is one more concrete pour on the bridge on West 12th and then the final dirt work will begin. The Halstead overlay has been completed and the work on the culvert replacement on Grace Hill Road is continuing, but has been delayed because of recent rains.
10. Sheriff T. Walton is back to work part-time after knee replacement surgery. He reported that one of the Sheriff's vehicles was involved in an accident last week. The officer was uninjured.

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

Scott Davies presented an application submitted by Justin Becker for permission to create a parcel eligible for a residential building permit under a provision in Article 9, Section 9.05 of the Harvey County Uniform Development Code which allows parcels of less than 40 acres to be eligible for a residence because there is a low level of productivity for agricultural purposes. The Harvey County Regional Planning Commission considered this request, and by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed recommended approval. The Commission received and reviewed the staff report. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission and approve the application for a single family building permit for a split off of approximately 10 acres from a 40 acre parcel located in the southwest quarter of

the northeast quarter of Section 17 of Sedgwick Township. The approval is subject to the deed being filed and an ingress/egress easement. Chairman Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Chad Frey, Director of RSVP, gave the Commission an update on the RSVP program. He reported that the annual potluck dinner will be held in Burrton this year on October 19th in the Burrton City Building Auditorium. He also reported that they have an active volunteer that just turned 100 years old. He is also changing some of the record keeping in the department to meet grant match guidelines, which will enable more grant funding.

At 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss economic development and attorney/client privilege. Chairman Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were Counselor Greg Nye, John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 10:25 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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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