

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 25, 2010

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 25, 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 attended the KCAMP meeting last week. Although her term on the KCAMP board is set to expire, she can be recommended for re-election by the County.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported on the Solid Waste Committee meeting he participated in by phone conference last week.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel expressed agreement with the decision of the remaining Commissioners regarding the Indigent Defense Panel contract for 2011, which was approved by the other Commissioners during his absence.
4. Chairman Westfall reported that KDOT has ordered additional signage to be placed away from the railroad crossing on K-196. There are also plans to paint crossing signs on the highway. KDOT is also seeking temporary authority to videotape the crossing to determine how much traffic backs up when a train crosses the highway.
5. Commissioner Roberson informed Commissioner Krehbiel that, in his absence, she has been in contact with Mrs. Clark, a resident who lives near Sedgwick, with regard to screening for the new cell phone tower there.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. There will be a CDDO meeting held this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. There was not a quorum to hold the meeting at the scheduled time last week.
2. There will be a joint City / County Commission meeting on October 26th at 5:00 p.m. at the City building.
3. The REAP annual retreat meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Office on Monday, November 1. Commission meeting will follow at 1:30 p.m.
4. The canvass of the November 2 election will be held on Friday, November 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the October 18, 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. Denise Bruce, City of Wichita Public Information Officer for the ASR project, has requested permission to speak with the Commissioners at the November 8, 2010 commission meeting. She will update the Commission on the progress of the project and inform them of the plans for next spring and summer.
2. Recommendations for two appointments to the Harvey County Parks Advisory Council were presented for the second reading. Pat Jackson and Jim Lasiter have been recommended for appointment. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept the recommendation and appoint both Pat Jackson and Jim Lasiter to a three year term on the Board. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Commissioner Roberson as a Trustee on the KCAMP Advisory Board. Chairman Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Commissioner Roberson as the voting delegate for the KCAMP meeting in November. Chairman Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Joyce Truskett as the alternate voting delegate for the KCAMP meeting. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. Doug King of Quality Recycling has contacted Harvey County regarding a smaller waste to energy recycling system. He had proposed a larger system a few years ago.
7. Eagle drainage district, which is proposing to annex property in Harvey County to the district, will not move forward with the project until the elevation results from the LiDAR flyover have been obtained.
8. Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that asphalt is scheduled to be laid on the bridge replacement project on West 12th Street. Guardrail will also be added. The Commissioners have been invited by the Foley Tractor Company to attend a tour of a new plant in Arkansas.
9. Sheriff T. Walton reported that temporary signs have been placed by KDOT at the top of the hill before the railroad crossing on K-196 Highway. The jail population is running 120 to 125 on weekends. New carpeting has been installed in the Detention Center library and observation room.
10. Chad Frey, Director of RSVP, reported that the annual dinner that was held in Burrton this year was a success. Ray Nicodemus was the entertainer.
11. Counselor Greg Nye reported that the meeting of city attorneys that he attended on Friday was very informative. He also reported that he is in the process of drafting changes to the burn ban regulations.
12. Anthony Swartzendruber informed the Commission that the HUD Sustainable Grant that was applied for was denied. Application will be made again in the future.

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

Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented an application from Terry and Elise Gowin for a conditional use permit to construct a residential wind turbine on property located in the A-1 agricultural zoning district. The property is located approximately 1/4 mile east of S. Webb Road on the north side of K-196 Highway. The request was considered by the Harvey County Regional Planning Commission, who by a vote of 12 in favor and 0 opposed recommended approval of the request with the condition that the tower be setback a minimum of 45 feet from all property lines. There were no protest letters or petitions received. Following review and discussion of the permit application, Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Board and approve the conditional use permit to construct a residential wind turbine set back a minimum of 52 feet from all property lines. Other than Mr. and Mrs. Gowin, no one else attended the discussion of the permit request.

Newton City Counselor, Bob Myers, and Suzanne Loomis, City Engineer/Director of Public Works, presented plans for storm water quality and detention ponds on the Hauck Addition property where the Kansas Logistics Park will be located. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the plans for the drainage and detention ponds as presented by the City of Newton and referenced by the March 10, 2010 Interlocal Agreement between the County and Newton City. Also included in the motion is approval for the City to go to bid on the drainage project on November 16. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The City of Newton will hold a meeting at 4:15 on October 27 in preparation to attend the TWORKS meeting in Hutchinson on October 28.

Jo Miller, Health Department Director, and Anthony Swartzendruber opened bids for the purchase of a van for the Health Department. The following bids were received:

Schofield Honda	Alternate #2 (3.5 LTR or larger engine)	\$25,976
Eddie's Toyota	Alternate #2, Toyota Sienna	24,900
Resnick Motors	Alternate #2, Grand Caravan	21,920

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the bid from Resnick Motors in the amount of \$21,920, pending verification of all specifications. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Don Rogers and Hank Yoder, employees of Stutzman Refuse informed the Commissioners that the company has been acquired by Waste Connections, who is the 3rd largest waste management company in the U.S. They do not foresee a lot of changes for Harvey County, who has a contract with Stutzman Refuse in effect until March, 2011. The acquisition will be finalized November 1 and the name of the company will remain Stutzman Refuse. They have agreed to provide insurance verification and contract language that the magnet is owned by Stutzmen and located at the Recycling Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ron Krehbiel, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Marge Roberson, Member