

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 25, 2011

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 25, 2011 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall inquired as to the progress of proposed changes at the east entrance to the Courthouse in order to provide greater security for the transfer of inmates from the Detention Center to District Court. John Waltner reported that another contractor has looked at the area and suggested a dark glass wall with a door. The estimate for this has not yet come in.
2. The Commissioners noted that county building permits for the month of March totaled over \$1,000,000.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel requested that a decision about what to do with the East Park ranger residence be placed on the agenda soon.
4. Commissioners Krehbiel, Westfall and spouse, and Roberson and spouse will attend the Chamber of Commerce dinner on May 13.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The SCKEDD dinner will be held Thursday, April 28.
2. The RSVP volunteer appreciation banquet will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Tuesday, April 26.
3. The REAP meeting is scheduled for the first Monday of June instead of the usual Monday..
4. John Waltner and Commissioner Westfall will attend the reception at AGCO Industries this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes of the April 18, 2011 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to accept and sign proclamation to proclaim "May is Exercise Month." Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. The County Commissioners Association state conference will be held on May 3 through 5. Commissioners Krehbiel and spouse and Roberson and spouse will attend the KCAMP anniversary dinner on the evening of May 2.
3. Harvey County Health Department conducted a seven-county exercise at Grace Community Church last week to simulate distribution of medicine in case of an emergency. The exercise went well.

4. Deb Hiebert, Director of the Harvey County Historical Society has invited the Commission to lunch at the Historical Society on May 23.
5. John Waltner reported that meetings have been held with Darlington Township officials about proposed improvements to South Spencer Road from 48th to 60th Street. There is currently only one residence on that stretch of road which is situated just north of 60th Street. The road is improved only from 60th Street to the driveway of that residence. The remainder of that stretch of road is primarily dirt and is not passable after rainfall. A landowner has applied for a building permit to build a residence off of the unimproved section. However, the Planning and Zoning Board would be required to approve a change in the set back requirements to keep the residence out of the flood plain. This would also require the permission of the adjacent land owner who is unwilling to do so unless the road is improved. There is also some ditch work that would need to be done.
6. The Parks Department will be the beneficiary of maintenance labor performed by SRS clients this summer.
7. At the last Aviation Commission meeting, discussion was held regarding the possible construction of a community hangar at the Newton/Harvey County Airport. There are currently two companies in Harvey County that have upgraded to larger airplanes and there is no place to keep them at the airport and they are commuting to Wichita. The County will be asked to finance the debt service for the construction of the hangar; however, the lease payments would cover the cost of the debt service. Commissioner Krehbiel asked why the debt was not issued jointly by both the City and the County. John stated that debt is issued only by one or the other and that this is a part of Harvey County's commitment to the jointly owned airport. The proposal will be brought before the Commission at the next meeting.
8. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend a lunch meeting sponsored by Clean Line Energy in Hutchinson on May 17. Diana Coggin, representative of Clean Line will talk with both Reno and Harvey County representatives about the proposed transmission line to cross the state of Kansas from west to east.
9. Lonnie Buller reported on his conversations with fire chiefs regarding fluctuation in the grassland fire index after approval for burning on a specific day. There is consideration being given to splitting the day according to the time.
10. Sheriff T. Walton reported that used and outdated medications are being collected at the Law Enforcement Center on Saturday, April 30 and the Heart to Heart melodrama fundraiser will be held at the Fox Theater on that evening. He reported that the jail population is 105. A suspect was arrested for a metal theft at the Floyd Wild Trucking Company.
11. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that there is an opening for an equipment operator there.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

John Lachenmayr attended the meeting to discuss the oil & gas lease at East Park. The lease had been inactive for several years, but started producing again in January of 2010. There is a salt water disposal well on Harvey County property also. Mr. Lachenmayr

stated that the company proposes to pay a lump sum of \$5,000 to pay for usage of the salt water disposal well for the last ten years. They will then pay \$500 per year, beginning in 2011 for the lease and usage of the disposal well as long as the well is producing. The County would also receive royalties from the sale of the oil, which will come from Coffeyville Oil. A total of three tanks of oil have been sold to date. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to direct legal counsel to ratify the lease, collect the lump sum payment for the past 10 years, and collect royalties for oil sold from the lease. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$180,084.99 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey / McPherson County Community Corrections, presented the Kansas Department of Corrections fiscal year 2012 Grant Application. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the 2012 Kansas Department of Corrections grant application. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, presented a draft of the new personnel manual as prepared by Foulston-Siefkin. The document does not yet contain all of the revisions requested by Harvey County. Anthony discussed the major changes in the manual and explained some of the differences. The final manual should be complete by next week.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss economic development. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 11:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ron Krehbiel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marge Roberson, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member