

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Aug 1, 2011

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 1, 2011 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. The water leak at Camp Hawk was about seven or eight feet from the well. It was dug up and repaired.
2. The Commissioners received a letter from Rogers County Oklahoma following the trip to the Port of Catoosa, which is located there.

Minutes of the July 25 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the July 15 joint City/County meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Chairman Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall will attend the Local Emergency Operations Planning meeting on Thursday, August 4 at 9:00 a.m.
2. The Commissioners will participate in the Fair Parade on August 6 at 6:00 p.m.
3. The Farm Bureau breakfast meeting will be held on Monday, August 15th at 7:00 a.m.
4. The Old Settlers parade in Halstead will be held on August 13.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the heat is causing increased domestic violence in addition to the increased number of fights. The jail population hit 115 this past week.
2. There is an Airport Commission meeting scheduled for August 15th. Byron Warta reported that progress is being made on the 10-year plan. He also reported that the District Water Office sent out new estimates on the current drought. There are 67 counties listed as being in severe drought.
3. Counselor Greg Nye reported that an inmate was injured by a door and has filed suit.
4. John Waltner reported that he has received word from Judge Joe Dickenson that another violent sexual predator has been examined to determine whether he was eligible for release. The release was denied and he will therefore undergo an additional three phase examination, which could cost as much as \$9,820. However, application for reimbursement from the State of Kansas may be

- possible. David Harder, from McPherson County, was appointed as the attorney in the case.
5. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve an agreement between Harvey County and Poe & Associates, Inc. for engineering services in an amount not to exceed \$6,630. The services are for the Construction and Demolition Landfill Facility Plot Plan (Phase Two) for annual permit renewal as required by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 6. The Quad County Meeting will be held on September 19 in Newton. John will check into renting the newly opened Meridian Center. Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Director of the Harvey County Economic Development Council, will give a comprehensive report on the development of the Kansas Logistics Park.
 7. The County Commissioners appoint two principal board delegates and two alternates to the South Central Kansas Economic Development District Board. The current appointments are Mickey Fornaro-Dean and Donald Keith DeHaven, Mayor of Sedgwick. The alternates are Craig Simons and Commissioner Roberson. John will check with Keith to see if he wants to continue in the position in light of recent health issues.
 8. The Commissioners received information from Craig Clough, County Appraiser, indicating that both new home sales and existing home sales have dropped in the number of sales, average sale amount, and median sale amount for the first six months of 2011 compared to the same time period in 2010. This will eventually affect the county valuation.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Byron Warta asked if the Harvey County Transfer Station would be able to handle a catastrophic event. John Waltner stated that it could take a significant amount of C&D, but nothing on the scope of the Joplin, Missouri tornado.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$73,665.90 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, shared a letter from Glen Scott, Local Road Engineer from the Kansas Department of Transportation. The letter states that three bridge replacement projects in Harvey County have been suspended. The County has used federal funding distributed through KDOT to repair or replace bridges that are prioritized on a five-year plan. The county is required to pay a 20% match for the funding. KDOT is implementing a new program to improve the accuracy of their reporting and program management systems. Therefore, the letting on the bridge on Burmac Road, which was to be in January of 2012, will now be delayed until March of 2014. The letting for the bridge on Dutch Avenue could possibly occur in 2015, depending on funding. The application process for the third bridge, northwest of Halstead, is scheduled to begin in 2013. It is anticipated that the application process for these funds will be extremely competitive in upcoming years. In the past, depending on fund balances at the State, the county could borrow funds from the next year's appropriation to pay for a more costly bridge, however, that will not be an option from now on.

John Waltner reviewed the proposed Infant at Work policy. John explained that the program has

worked very well in the Administration office. He reported that it has not interfered with the ability of the mother to perform her duties at work. KCAMP, the insurance carrier, was contacted and there were no issues with insurance. Participation in the program is at the discretion of the Department Head. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, presented the summary of revenues and expenditures for the 2012 county budget. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to adopt for publication the Harvey County budget with a maximum mill levy not to exceed 31.749 mills, Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jim Meier and Allan Libel, Road & Bridge mechanic, presented the specifications for the purchase of a one ton flat bed truck. The specifications call for a V-10 gas engine. The Commissioners discussed this specification because not all truck manufacturers have a V-10 engine. Bids will be received and opened on August 22 at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ron Krehbiel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marge Roberson, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member