

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

**Aug 8, 2011**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 8, 2011 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

There were no items added to the agenda.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall will attend the Local Emergency Operations Planning meeting on Wednesday, August 10 at 9:00 a.m.
2. A REAP listening session will be held on Thursday, August 11 at McKinley School at 8:00 p.m. REAP is seeking input on what issues citizens would like to see brought before the legislature for 2012.
3. Commissioner Westfall and John Waltner will attend the Public Private Partnership meeting at Charlies on Friday, August 13 at 7:00 a.m.
4. The Commissioners will participate in the Old Settlers Day parade in Halstead on August 13.
5. The monthly REAP meeting in October will be held on the first Monday of the month rather than second.
6. There will not be a regular Aviation Commission Board meeting on August 15.

Minutes of the August 1 Commission meeting and the July 22 special budget meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Sheriff T. Walton reported that there are some additional state budget cuts that will cause the release of 400 prisoners that will be released under house arrest. They will be required to report in regularly and if they fail to do so, they will be treated as an escapee.
2. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the glass wall and door to provide increased security for the transfer of inmates from the Detention Center to District Court will be installed in the east entrance to the courthouse within the next three weeks.
3. Anthony also reported he is doing extensive research on the cost of Legal publications and advertising. The publication costs for the County have increased significantly.
4. Harvey County will participate in the application for the HUD sustainability grant again this year. REAP will be spearheading the grant application which will be due in September.

5. John reported that Greg Nickel who had expressed interest in serving on the SCKEDD Board will not be able to serve because his work conflicts with the SCKEDD Board meeting dates. John reported that Keith DeHaven, who also serves on the Board, is willing to stay on the board.
6. A ribbon cutting will be held on August 23 at the site of the new Kansas Electric Company on North 36<sup>th</sup> Street. One of the Commissioners will attend. The company will have a small retail outlet for small rural privately owned wind generators.
7. The possible contamination of East Lake with blue green algae was reported by a boater at East Lake. The contamination has not yet been confirmed. Contamination by Zebra Mussels was also discussed. The County needs some kind of a policy to try to prevent the mussel contamination. Byron Warta reported that an extensive study was done at El Dorado State Lake and that there is good information from the study that can be obtained.
8. It was also reported that there have been some minor thefts at East Lake this summer. The thefts included coolers, lanterns, tents, and a small motorcycle. Flyers for the campers will be distributed informing campers to secure things as well as they can. The rangers there are also providing more surveillance to hopefully deter the thefts.
9. John Waltner and Jo Miller, Director of the Health Department, and Health Ministries, will tour the Professional Building on South Pine Street this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. The tour is to determine whether this would be a possible location for Health Ministries.
10. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign four copies of the contract for the overlay project as provided by Poe and Associates. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
11. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the "Notice to Proceed" for the overlay project. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
12. Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, received information from FEMA about the LiDAR project. The flyover has been completed, but FEMA has decided not to use the information for remapping.
13. The Commissioners received a copy of a letter sent to Courtney Becker from Ron Hoffman, Emergency Dispatch Coordinator at Hutchinson Community College. The letter thanked Courtney and Elizabeth Sauerwein for participating in the 2011 Joint Community College Field Operations held on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.
14. The Commissioner received a copy of Executive Order 11-27, declaring Drought Watch counties, Drought Warning counties, and Drought Emergency counties. Harvey County declared to be a Drought Warning county.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Byron Warta asked about the height of the wind tower at Kansas Electric on 36<sup>th</sup> Street. John reported that it will not be tall enough to require notification of aviation officials.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$452,735.84 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2011-22**, expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Harvey County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2012 annual budget for Harvey County. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Roberson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Grantee's/Contractor's Release Form and NSP Certificate of Completion for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Ron Krehbiel, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Marge Roberson, Member

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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member