

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

**August 29, 2011**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 29, 2011 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Roberson and John Waltner met with Jessie Kaye, Director of Prairie View, August 23. The meeting went well, the counties concerns were addressed and will continue to be addressed.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that LifeTeam (AirMD) met at East Lake Volunteer Hall for an agency wide in-service training session. He said that they are excited to have not merged with EagleMed and to be located at the Newton Airport.
3. Commissioner Westfall stated that LifeTeam liked Volunteer Hall for training but that he thought that the facility needed some minor improvements like paint and ceiling tiles.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he spent some time over the weekend at West Lake. He said that the park was full except for 2 spaces. He thought the county should continue to pursue, at minimal cost, adding the camping spaces previously discussed.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioners Krehbiel and Roberson will attend a Kansas Logistics Park Development Authority meeting on September 8 at 10:30 a.m.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Sheriff T. Walton reported that there was a fatality accident on Highway 50 at Walton and that there was a fire on Old 81 near Zimmerdale. They had every available person fighting the fires. He requested approval of the expenditure of approximately \$100 for Gatorade for the firefighters. It was a very hot day and there was a concern for the safety of the firefighters. Staff was directed to pay the bill.
2. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the projector and screen in the commission room have been installed. He also reported that the east entrance wall installation has been delayed. He stated that sales and use tax collections for the month of August are down, but that they are up for the year by 3.47%.
3. John Waltner reminded the commissioners of the RSVP potluck dinner on September 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hesston Senior Center.

4. John Waltner proposed closing the courthouse to the public on Columbus Day, October 10, for an in-service day to include meetings, training and open enrollment for insurance.
5. John Waltner pointed out a letter included in the packets from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announcing their intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on the Great Plains Wind Energy Habitat Conservation Plan. For wildlife protection they are proposing a permit area for wind energy development that would include all of Harvey County and a large portion of Kansas. The agency will hold a scoping meeting on August 31 in Great Bend.
6. John Waltner reported that discussions are in progress with Hunters Landing bait shop outside of East Lake. He is proposing closing the county bait shop and turning the building into a maintenance facility. He also stated that he has checked into possible means of destruction for the ranger house. Burning it down by the fire department would require KDHE permits. He suggested salvaging as much as possible then tearing it down and burying it onsite or at the landfill. He would like to have it done by the end of September.
7. The KDHE will test Harvey County West Lake for Blue-green Algae today for the official status. The status of Camp Hawk is still unknown. Fish were added to East and West lakes on Saturday, August 27.
8. Commissioner Roberson motioned to approve a proclamation designating September 4 thru 10, 2011 as National Suicide Prevention Week in Harvey County. Commissioner Westfall seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
9. A draft of a proclamation to commemorate September 11 was submitted for review. The official proclamation will be ready for the next meeting.
10. A letter accepting the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant Award for \$28,737 for the Harvey County Safe House was submitted for signature by the chair. Commissioner Westfall motioned for signatures by the chair and the fiscal officer. Commissioner Roberson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
11. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported that everything is OK.
12. Mickey Fornaro-Dean reported on the CIBOR contract activities and travel plans.
13. Byron Warta reported on comments from the Kansas Water Authority meeting concerning big agricultural companies not furnishing sales tax numbers on time.

#### **CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$72,475.05 and handwritten checks in the amount of \$25,870.51 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Davies, Planning and Zoning Director, gave an informational presentation covering the building of the Holdeman residence at 2821 NE 60<sup>th</sup>. A building permit was issued and construction is progressing on this house, but it may be in a dam breach area that is currently being re-examined by the state. The structure may also be in an easement area of the Sandcreek

Watershed district.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session for a period not to exceed 15 minutes to discuss a non-elected personnel issue. Commissioner Westfall seconded and it passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Counselor Greg Nye, Anthony Swartzendruber and Rick Piepho, Deputy Clerk. Executive session ended at 11:15 a.m. with no action taken.

At 11:15 a.m. Commissioners Krehbiel, Westfall and Roberson along with John Waltner and Anthony Swartzendruber left to attend a joint meeting with the Kansas Leadership Council and the City of Newton at Prairie Harvest Restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.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