

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 22, 2011

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 22, 2011 with all three commissioners present. Commissioner Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall got a flash message from the Trooper Association Lobbyists that there will be a hearing on Senate Bill 107 concerning inmate health care. Commissioner Roberson asked if Sheriff Walton had been contacted by the newspaper about the security issue while transporting inmates from the jail to the court. He stated that he had been.
2. Commissioner Westfall said the issue of consolidating counties is still being discussed.
3. Commissioner Roberson said that questions arose at the County Farm Bureau Breakfast about putting salt brine on the county roads. Phil Adams stated that the way we do it takes 2 days and if we did it the way the state does, it would take 4 days.
4. Commissioner Roberson said that a lady at the Farm Bureau breakfast expressed concern about patrol coverage on Dutch Avenue. Sheriff Walton stated that Dutch Avenue is covered as much as any other county road.
5. Commissioner Roberson asked if there is a joint city/county meeting on Wednesday. Commissioner Roberson and Commissioner Westfall both have conflicts for the scheduled time. John Waltner will convey to Mickey Fornaro-Dean that this week doesn't work for a joint meeting.
6. Commissioner Krehbiel asked John Waltner about the Housing Rehab Program that works with SCKEDD. John Waltner will follow up on this.
7. Commissioner Westfall stated that Mrs. Ken Kropf had talked to him about the new burn resolution. She is concerned that the 911 center will be overloaded with calls. Lon Buller, Emergency Management Director, assured the commission that our 911 system is set up to handle this matter.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Two of the commissioners have a conflict for the proposed joint meeting with the City of Newton, tentatively scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on February 22 at the Newton City Building. John will ask for it to be rescheduled.

Minutes of the February 14, 2011 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner informed the commissioners that he received a report from Sheriff Walton about a person who had a complaint about the City of Wichita ASR project. He is concerned that his tires will be flattened if he runs over the survey spikes.

2. John Waltner had a phone conversation with Kathy Schwarzenberger, Director of the Newton Area Senior Center. She is concerned about the money Harvey County contributes to them. They are considering moving to the Rec Center. She is concerned about future funding for them.
3. John Waltner presented an e-mail he received from Greg Nye regarding the Lachenmayr oil lease. Greg Nye was in contact with the attorney in Wichita as well as another entity who is interested in purchasing it. We need to continue to work on getting resolution on whether or not the lease has lapsed.
4. John Waltner reminded the commissioners about the KDHE WORKS conference on composting and recycling from March 21-24. The conference will be held in Wichita and we have attended it in the past.
5. John Waltner had a couple of discussions with Greg Nye about conversations he had with Waste Connections. They had agreed to send us more trash and work out a monetary agreement on electricity. Greg will follow up on contacting them.
6. Anthony Swartzendruber put together some preliminary numbers on the utility costs for the dwellings at the parks. Commissioner Krehbiel asked if we pay property taxes on the three houses. Anthony stated that the houses at West Park and Camp Hawk are tax exempt and he filed a request to exempt East Park also.
7. John Waltner stated that they hired Heidi Huber in the Administration office. She will work part-time in Noxious Weed and the rest of the time in Administration. There is some discussion about compressing the hours at Noxious Weeds to allow her more time to work in Administration.
8. John Waltner presented a letter to Jerree Forbes, Chief Executive Officer, Health Ministries Clinic.
9. John Waltner will be going to Topeka on Thursday to meet with Governor Brownback regarding the post audit report for the Kansas Affordable Airfares Program. The point John wants to make is that far more dollars go out of this region for subsidizing than come into it.
10. John Waltner presented a proposed letter to be sent to our representatives regarding a Supreme Court decision about benefits being paid to injured workers who are unwilling to seek employment. Commissioner Roberson moved that the commissioners sign and send letters to our legislators regarding House Bill 2134 amending the Workers Compensation statute to correct this situation, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.
11. John Waltner presented the recommendations for appointments to the Harvey County Parks Advisory Board. Zachary Phillips will be serving his first term from February 2011 to February 2014 and Norman Alexander will be serving his third term through May 2013. Commissioner Westfall moved that the commission approve the appointments for Zachary Phillips and Norman Alexander and waive the second week reading, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Phil Adams stated that he came across a statute on oil and gas leases on county property. During some snow days he had some of his men experiment with vertical lettering on new sign posts. They are working on some bridge repairs, mostly washouts.

13. Sheriff Walton reported that there are 115 inmates in the detention center. The new compressor is burnt out, but it is still under warranty. They sold a 1/4 section of land, 160 acres, on Saturday for \$670,000.
14. Roy Patton reported on the scraper issue. KCAMP raised the offer to \$60,000. The machine will be totaled. Marge will be going to a KCAMP meeting this week and Roy will e-mail her some information to try to get a higher offer. Commissioner Westfall suggested that we stay on top of the scrap price of \$5,000 for the scraper and perhaps offer to buy it back.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

Lon Buller thanked the commissioners for the work they put in on getting the burn resolution ready for passage. The recommended changes were made. Lonnie Buller presented revised **Resolution No. 2011-5**, regulating open burning in Harvey County. Commissioner Westfall moved to approve **Resolution 2011-5** regarding open burning in Harvey County, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously. The resolution will be placed on our web site. Commissioner Westfall asked if we would be able to track the calls that come in for a control burn for one year. Lon said that Courtney thought they would be able to do this. Lon also asked if a grace period of 6 months could be put in place to give the community time to get educated about this resolution.

Kass Miller, Parks Superintendent, presented the bids he received for the East Lake Dam Inspection. The bids are as follow:

Schwab-Eaton & Associates	\$3,000
Cook, Flatt & Strobel	\$4,200

Kass recommended that the commissioners approve the bid from Schwab-Eaton. Commissioner Roberson moved that the commission accept the low bid of \$3,000 for the East Park dam inspection from Schwab-Eaton, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$64,090.71 and hand written checks in the amount of \$27,460.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss personnel issues and economic development. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also included in the session were John Waltner, County Administrator; Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant County Administrator; and Bette Rhine, Deputy County Clerk. At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to extend the session for a period of 15 minutes. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Bette Rhine requested to be excused. At 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to extend the session for an additional period of 15 minutes. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 11:30 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ron Krehbiel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marge Roberson, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member