

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 5, 2011

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 5, 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 attended a meeting last week with Health Ministries and Prairie View. Much of the discussion was centered on funding opportunities that might be made available as a result of working together.
2. Commissioner Westfall will not be able to attend the Public/Private Partnership Committee meeting this week.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend a meeting with Jaci Reimer, Jim Heinecke and J.R. Hatfield regarding the proposed increase in the EDC dues.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

No new calendar items were presented.

Minutes of the June 27, 2011 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, reported that there was only one reported fire caused from fireworks.
2. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that Kevin Schmidt, Supervisor, had a heart attack on Saturday.
3. It was reported that one house received some damage from a brief tornado touchdown in the County on Saturday evening.
4. Counselor Greg Nye requested an executive session during the latter part of the meeting.
5. John Waltner reported that another bid for a glass security wall in the east foyer of the courthouse is expected by the middle of the week.
6. Byron Warta reported that an event sponsored by Experimental Aircraft was held Friday and Saturday at the Newton City/County Airport. There were 120 take-off and landings between 7:30 and 11:00 a.m. An estimated 250 people attended.
7. Commissioner Roberson had lunch with Senator Carolyn McGinn last week and expressed concern about the proposed merger of the Harvey and Sedgwick County Court systems. Senator McGinn expressed concern also.
8. Randy Hoffmeier, Auditor, contacted John last week about additional time spent on the single audit. Because of Federal Fund Grants and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, he spent an extra 25 or 26 hours on the audit. Although the hours would be billed at an additional \$3,500, he would like to bill the County

- for an additional \$2,000. There was a great deal of difficulty obtaining information from SCKEDD, who handles the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Commissioner Roberson suggested that the County needs to monitor SCKEDD very closely.
9. John Waltner and Greg Nye will meet with representatives of ResCare tomorrow afternoon. Harvey County owns property on the ResCare campus and since ResCare is a for-profit services provider, they will discuss a lease agreement with them.
 10. The Planning & Zoning Commission will meet this evening and will consider a request for a conditional use permit from Brad Koehn, who owns Becker Cabinet & Furniture, to move the business to a location 1 1/2 miles south of Hesston on South Ridge Road. The business is currently located northeast of Hesston. The proposed property does not have the minimum setbacks from the road.
 11. The REAP organization has announced a listening tour and has requested that the first one be held at McKinley Administration Building on July 21st.
 12. Commissioner Westfall reported that the Corp of Engineers will announce a decision on the property that built a private pond below a watershed dam. There is concern that the dirt that was moved could compromise the stability of the dam.
 13. Commissioner Westfall will attend a meeting on Affordable Airfares tomorrow.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$45,844.25 and handwritten checks in the amount of \$10,812.43 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Meier presented the results of an intersection signing study for the intersection at North Meridian and NW 72nd Street. Jim reported that the study was done after receiving a citizen complaint. Because of the potential for a collision due to restricted visibility, it is recommended that stop signs be placed for the north bound and south bound traffic on North Meridian, stop ahead signs be placed north and south of the intersection on North Meridian, and remove and trim trees southeast of the intersection for improved sight to the east for north bound traffic. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve and sign the study and instructed Counselor Nye to prepare a resolution. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2011-17**, authorizing the sale of used equipment from the Road & Bridge Department on the Purple Wave On-Line Auction. A 1998 Blaw Knox PF 150 Paver, 1990 Rosco Power Broom RB38, sprinkler, shouldering machine, 4 Henderson salt-sand spreaders, and two lockers will be sold. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented a request by Terry Stanford for a Conditional Use Permit to operate an RV Park and rental storage business on property in the A-1 Agricultural zoning district. The property is located approximately 1/2 mile south of SW 24th

on the east side of South Wheat State Road. There is space for five RV stalls north of the drive near the barn and residence. A maximum of ten RV stalls would be allowed with the additional five stalls located near a tree line near the rear of the property. The request was considered by the Planning & Zoning Board on June 7, 2011, and was recommended for approval providing that both the RV parking and rental storage business are operated within the confines of the existing 5 acres that are fenced. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the permit provided the construction of the lagoon/septic system is constructed using approved county regulations. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Terry and Raime Stanford and John Stanford attended the meeting.

Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, discussed the possibility of combining separate funds, such as the election fund, mental health fund, and the mental retardation fund into the general fund. The auditor has suggested that reducing the overall number of funds would make the auditing process easier.

John reported that the company that was hired to review the employee benefits programs is beginning to make some progress.

At 11:12 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 8 minutes to discuss legal issues. 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 11:20 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ron Krehbiel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marge Roberson, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member