

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL BUDGET SESSION

July 22, 2011

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in special session on July 22, 2011 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

Anthony Swartzendruber presented a spreadsheet detailing several different options for personnel expenditures. Discussion was held and it was decided to review the entire budget before a final decision is made.

Anthony discussed each departmental budget with the Commissioners. Overall changes in the budget include shifting electric, natural gas, water and sewer service, and liability insurance expenses into the courthouse general fund. The following funds were transferred into the general fund: Election Fund, Mental Health Fund, Mental Retardation Fund, and the Conservation District Fund. There is an additional Combined Fund for 911 Communications.

The Commission agreed to add \$5,000 to professional services for the Attorney's Office.

The Register of Deeds Office will add a full-time position for an indexing clerk.

The Coroner's budget shows an increase of \$18,349 over the 2011 budget. The increase is due to increased costs for physician services and autopsies.

The Courthouse General budget increase includes the transfer of budgeted electric, natural gas, water and sewer, and liability insurance from other departments. There is also an amount of \$30,000 included to fund a compensation study.

The budget for the Sheriff's office includes a request for 5 vehicles.

The allocation for the Ambulance budget includes a 3% increase. Discussion was held about the advantages and disadvantages of funding the ambulance budget with a set mill levy versus a set amount.

The Conservation District budget will remain the same as last year with no increase.

The Solid Waste Department budget includes an increase of revenue due to an increase in tipping fees and solid waste fees.

Anthony informed the Commission that the maximum mill levy needs to be set by August 1.

After discussion, the Commission decided not to fund teen court which had been funded by the State of Kansas in the past. They also chose the option to fund a 2% raise for Harvey County employees. Newer employees who are in their first three years of employment will receive step raises.

At 3:20 p.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss personnel 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 Linda Kientz, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 3:30 p.m. with no action being taken.

A brief discussion was held regarding the construction of an aluminum framed glass wall in the east entrance foyer to provide greater security during the transfer of inmates from the Detention Center to District Court.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ron Krehbiel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marge Roberson, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member