

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

**June 13, 2011**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 13, 2011 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall suggested that, in light of recent medical incidents that have occurred at the Courthouse, the County needs to have some type of policy for emergency medical procedures.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that a 40 acre wetland pond will be constructed to prevent flooding in an area 2 miles east of Burrton on Highway 50. The dirt taken from digging the pond will be available for the City of Wichita to use in the Equus Beds Recharge Project.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel received a call from Gayle Clark, a rural Sedgwick resident, regarding the newly constructed cellular communications tower there. Ms. Clark does not feel that the cell tower company has properly provided landscape screening around the base of the tower as was provided in the permit. Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, will be asked to check the original agreement and then check the tower site to make sure that the screening that has been installed is in compliance with the agreement.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel attended the Health Ministries fund-raising meal and auction on Saturday evening. He reported that it was very well attended and went very well.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

The Commissioner's budget work session will be held on July 22nd beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes of the June 6, 2011 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2011-15**, authorizing the installation of stop signs at the intersections of Old Settlers Road & SW 96th Street, and SW 125th Street. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Counselor Greg Nye reported that the court case appealing the ruling to not allow rifles at the gun range in western Harvey County has been dismissed. The land the gun range was situated on was recently sold and the new owners will not continue to have a gun range there. Therefore, with the agreement of the attorney for the gun range and the court of appeals, the case was dismissed.

3. A claim of violation of a Protection from Abuse order that was filed against Harvey County and the City of Halstead has been forwarded to KCAMP for their review.
4. The Commissioners reviewed a draft of an agreement between Harvey County, Darlington Township, and Harold Schorn to improve a section of South Spencer Road between 48th and 60th Streets. Commissioner Westfall requested that the agreement state very clearly the financial responsibility of the Township. Counselor Nye will correct the agreement.
5. Sheriff T Walton reported that a bank robbery occurred at the White Eagle Credit Union this past week. The suspect was later apprehended in Hesston. He also reported that a propane tank on an RV traveling to East Lake blew up and the RV was destroyed. No one was injured in the incident. Brandon Huntley, Patrol Deputy who was kicked in the knee during a recent arrest, will have surgery next week.
6. Byron Warta gave a report on a proposal for the City of Wichita to purchase surplus water from El Dorado Lake. No action on the proposal has been taken by either the City or the County. If the City of Wichita did purchase the surplus water, there would be less drain on the Equus Beds.
7. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, will be out of the office from June 15 to June 27.
8. Notification has been received from Debra Hepp, Program Consultant to the Civil Rights Commission that Harvey County has been chosen for a Title VI review.
9. KDOT will hold a meeting in Hutchinson on Monday, June 20, to discuss local bridge evaluations and inspections.
10. Jo Miller, Health Department Director, was nominated and then chosen for a training position with the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute. She will receive a grant for \$3,000 to pay for the three-day training which will be held in July.
11. The Kansas Highway Patrol will hold their 6th annual C.A.S.T. event at Harvey County East Lake. This is a fishing event sponsored by the Highway Patrol, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and this year, Harvey County Parks, for disabled and disadvantaged youth of Kansas.
12. The Commission received information on FEMA mapping and the Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning initiative being implemented by FEMA. This is a program that seeks to work with communities to address flooding issues in watershed areas.
13. The first reading for the appointment of Debbie Cobb to the Parks Advisory Board was heard.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$229,336.96 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that KDOT is planning to begin work on the

bridge on Highway 50 just west of Ridge Road. This will force the closing of Ridge Road for approximately 70 working days. Although Highway 50 will remain open, there will be only one lane open at a time on the bridge.

Ann Religa, Harvey County Extension Agent, invited the Commissioners for cake and ice cream on Wednesday, June 15th, to commemorate her 25 year employment with Kansas State University Extension Service and 23 year employment with the Harvey County Extension Service.

Jason Mitchell, owner of five multi-family housing units in Newton, appeared before the Commission to request that recycling rules for these units be changed from mandatory to voluntary. He has received several citations from the City of Newton because residents at the complexes refuse to recycle. The Commissioners feel that there is no need to change the original goals for recycling, that this is rather an enforcement issue. Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, stated that trash from the dumpsters of these multi-family units is viewed at the Transfer Station as commercial waste, not residential. The Commissioners will draft a letter to the City to try to resolve the issue.

Jessie Kaye, President and Chief Executive Officer of Prairie View Mental Health Center, gave a presentation which outlined the goals and funding issues of programs and services provided by Prairie View as the designated Community Mental Health Center for Harvey County. Ms. Kaye also elaborated on the newly implemented alliance with Health Ministries, integrating physical health, mental health, and substance abuse treatment for medically underserved county citizens. The proposed 2012 budget request for mental health is \$120,000, which is the same amount provided in the 2011 budget.

David Yoder, County Attorney, presented the proposed 2012 budget for the County Attorney's Office. The total budget request is \$464,797 compared with \$466,278 budgeted for 2011. The budget includes a capital outlay request of \$1,800 for data processing equipment. Mr. Yoder expressed concern about the state budget cuts which will eliminate juvenile teen court. He feels that this is a very important effective program. It would cost approximately \$7,000 per year to fund this program.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

At 1:15 p.m. Courtney Becker, Director of 911, presented the proposed 2012 budget for the Communications Center. Two separate funds, the landline fund and the wireless fund will now be combined into one new fund, the 911 combined fund, which has a proposed budget of \$154,000. This includes a capital outlay request of \$35,000 to fund narrow banding of the radio network. The remaining amount of \$30,000 in the landline fund will be used to fund the purchase of 2 radio control stations in the dispatch center radio console and a stand alone repeater for the radio network. The remaining amount of \$75,000 in the wireless fund would be used to fund the upgrade of the existing Zetron dispatch radio system and the addition of a position, and the purchase of 5 dispatch position computers. The total Communications budget request is \$731,000 compared to \$659,386 for 2011. The main reason for the difference is the need for another full-time dispatcher and the promotion of dispatch supervisors.

LDeena Jones, District Court Clerk, presented the proposed 2012 budget for District Court. The total proposed budget is \$146,130 compared to \$136,495 for 2011. The budget includes a capital outlay request of \$10,700 for the purchase of data processing equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 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