

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

**March 7, 2011**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on March 7, 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 and Commissioner Roberson both talked to Roger Gillispie over the weekend regarding the new Fairgrounds project.
2. Commissioner Roberson inquired as to whether we had received any more information from KCAMP regarding the value of the scraper that burned at the Transfer Station. John reported that we had not.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel is interested in going to a Waste-to-Energy Conference to be held May 16 thru 18 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The Commissioners will conduct interviews with several applicants for the position of Road and Bridge Supervisor this coming Wednesday.
2. Dustin Avey, investment counselor with Piper-Jaffray, will attend the March 21 commission meeting to discuss the bond rating process. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. rather than 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the February 28, 2011 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner presented the first reading for a recommendation for appointment for Marsha Kaegi, a Burrton resident, to the Harvey County RSVP Board. The second reading will be heard at the March 14th Commission meeting.
2. John Waltner presented a proposed County Fund Balance Policy for approval. The policy would formally identify a percentage of county funds at the end of each budget year to carry over to the next budget year. This would keep the County in compliance with the cash basis law and facilitate a higher bond rating. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to adopt the Harvey County Funds Balance Policy as presented. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Jo Miller, Director of the Health Department, presented information regarding Health Ministries and the proposed collaborative agreement with the Health Department. Last fall Ms. Miller communicated with Dr. Jerree Forbes, Director of Health Ministries, and drafted a "Memorandum of Understanding" to clarify who would provide specific services to clients, to hopefully eliminate the duplication of services. To date, there has been no reply from Health Ministries.

- The Health Department contributed \$14,330 to Health Ministries to enable them to hire a trained grant writer to hopefully receive funding to be declared a Federally Qualified Health Center. In addition, all Health Ministries staff received vaccinations at no cost from the Health Department. It has now been discovered that both groups are applying for the Maternal Child Health Grant, which is a major source of grant funding for the Health Department. There is also concern with how donated funds are being used.
4. Counselor Greg Nye reported the Eminent Domain proceedings in connection with expanding some intersections for the Logistics Park is moving forward. Although nothing has yet been signed, agreements with property owners have been made.
  5. Commissioner Krehbiel asked about the current court case regarding the gun range in the western part of Harvey County. Counselor Nye reported that Judge Innes has ruled in favor of Harvey County, but an appeal of the ruling has been filed.
  6. Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, reported on progress being made to educate the public on the process to obtain a burn permit. He has contacted the Kansas Farm Bureau, the County Extension Office, and the Farm Service Agency, who will assist with information in their newsletters. The information will also be posted on the website, and will be published in all three area newspapers. All township officers and fire districts are also being notified.
  7. In answer to a question from Commissioner Krehbiel, Lonnie reported that a fire board has sole control over budgeting for the district and has the authority to make decisions to build facilities for the fire department.
  8. Lonnie also reported that the statewide tornado drill is scheduled to be held at 1:30 p.m. on March 8. If the weather appears in any way threatening, the State could postpone the drill until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.
  9. Phil Adams, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported that two projects have been decided upon for this summer. Hesston Road will receive a crack and chip seal, and NW 36th and Halstead Road will also be sealed. He also reported that the Department had received three of the four new spreaders.
  10. Sheriff T. Walton reported that a sizeable meth lab was discovered last week near Burrton. In addition to three lab specialists from Harvey County, the Burrton Police Department, Newton Fire Department, and a detective from Butler County assisted in the investigation and cleanup. Since the State of Kansas no longer provides funding for the cleanup of meth labs, the Sheriff's Department could file a lien against the property. The Sheriff also reported that the jail population is 102. He is also considering agreements with the Department of Corrections to house state prisoners, which could bring in additional revenue of \$120,000 to \$200,000. He will present more information to the Commission at a later date.
  11. Brandon Huntley, sheriff's deputy, received a letter of recognition from Sheriff T. Walton, in appreciation for his efforts to successfully locate a missing elderly man. The man's health issues in addition to falling temperatures made the situation especially dangerous. After other agencies discontinued the search, Deputy Huntley persisted and eventually located the man during the early

morning hours of March 1. The Commission will also send a letter of commendation to Deputy Huntley.

12. The Commission will also send a letter of commendation to Scott Davies, Director of Planning and Zoning, for his assistance in helping a citizen determine whether or not his property was in a flood plain. The Commission received a letter from the citizen recognizing Mr. Davies for the excellent work.

Jan Jones, Executive Director of the Harvey County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Task Force, presented the Emergency Government Shelter Grant Program for fiscal year 2011 certifications, and the Certification of Local Approval for Nonprofit Organizations for approval. The Emergency Shelter Grant helps to provide critical services for victims and their children with emergency shelter, counseling, food and assistance. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the ESG Program which will provide \$40,000 in grant funds, and the Certification of Local Approval for Nonprofit Organizations. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$72,347.98 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners left to view the residences at East Lake and Camp Hawk.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**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