

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

**November 7, 2011**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 7, 2011 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

**ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA:**

1. Commissioners Roberson and Krehbiel attended the open house for the new Sedgwick City Senior Center and reported that the facility is very impressive.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel commented that the resealing completed on 36th Street looks very good.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. There will be no Commission meeting next week due to the Commissioners and staff attending the KAC meeting in Topeka.
2. Commissioner Roberson will attend a Westar meeting on Wednesday, November 9th and a meeting of the KLP Development Authority on Thursday, November 10th.
3. The REAP State Legislative Reception and the REAP meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8 in Wichita at 2:30 p.m. The December 12th REAP meeting is therefore cancelled.
4. A joint meeting with the Newton City Commission has been tentatively scheduled for December 13 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. Dr. Paul Wooley will present an update on the CIBOR Project.
5. A Quad-County meeting will be held in Wichita at 11:45 a.m. on December 12th following the regular County Commission meeting at 9:00 a.m.
6. A Council of Governments meeting will be held this Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 a.m. Randy Riggs, Newton City Manager, will be speaking on the ReNewton project.
7. Commissioner Westfall will represent the County at the Chamber breakfast on November 18th at 7:00 a.m.

Minutes of the October 31 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Sheriff T. Walton reported that there was a homicidal/suicidal individual dealt with on Halloween. There was a suicide in the Walton Cemetery last Saturday. Jim Sauerwein, Sheriff Investigator, will retire effective November 21.
2. Byron Warta reported that he attended a Kansas Water Authority meeting last week where the main topic of discussion was the algae blooms in the State. There are over 70 different algae blooms that have been identified in the State, with no

one factor being the cause. There are several different causing agents that have been cited and the factors are still being studied. There are 21 other states that have also been having problems with algae blooms. There are only three of the algae blooms that are capable of being active during cold weather. Byron also reported that the Water Authority will hold the 2013 August meeting in Newton. He also reported that there continues to be great concern about possible fracking in the shallow wells in southeast Kansas.

3. Craig Clough, Appraiser, and Michele Doshier, GIS Technician, gave a demonstration of new GIS database information that will be available on the Harvey County Website.
4. Because there will be no Commission meeting next week, Commissioner Roberson made a motion to authorize staff to pay necessary bills prior to the November 21 Commission meeting. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$438,212.44 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Joyce Truskett, and Counselor Greg Nye. Executive session ended at 12:00 p.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 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