

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 17, 2011

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 17, 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 referred to an article in the Wichita Eagle regarding the State tax code. The commissioners received a copy of the article in the packet.
2. Commissioner Westfall received a complaint about East Lake Road between 1st Street and K-96 Highway. The road is in poor condition with washboard and water pooling problems. Jim Meier, Superintendant of Road and Bridge will evaluate what the repair options are and the costs involved.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Roberson will give the welcome for the Kansas Business Professional Women's Association Conference on Saturday morning at the Red Coach Inn.
2. There will be a meeting of the Council of Governments on November 9.
3. The annual Christmas employee lunch will be held on December 5.

Minutes of the October 10 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 he attended a breakfast this morning at the American Legion. Fang A. Wong, the National Commander of the American Legion, was the featured guest.
2. The Park Board will meet this evening and the Camp Host Program at Harvey County Parks will be discussed. Camp Hosts would be volunteers who have a campsite and would serve as a liaison between park users and park staff. They would also perform some light maintenance. They would have access to some park equipment, including the older vehicles and the Kawasaki Mule. The county liability insurance carrier has been consulted and has approved the plan. Commissioner Westfall suggested that background checks be performed on persons being considered for the position before they are formally signed as hosts. The proposed host agreement states that hosts serve for no less than 30 days. Commissioner Westfall suggested that maybe that should be reduced to 2 weeks. The Parks Board will also determine how many hosts would be necessary at each park.
3. A sale will be held on October 26, 2011 at East Lake to sell one damaged camper and one abandoned camper that are located there.
4. The Commissioners received notification from the Harvey County Economic

- Development Council that Chuck Stein, from the Strategic Development Services, has been retained as a consultant to undertake a feasibility study relating to the development of a manufacturing/technology accelerator in the South Central Kansas region. John Waltner and Commissioner Westfall will meet with Mr. Stein at Newton City Hall at 7:00 a.m. on October 19. A meeting will follow at 8:30 a.m. which may be attended by anyone interested in the study.
5. Harvey County received notification that The Academy for Team Leadership has a large amount of funding that they want to spend on a project in this area. They are searching to find a major project where they would provide leadership training for up to 400 people.
 6. Commissioner Roberson made a motion for the Commissioners to sign individual letters of support for KDOT to apply for the Tiger III grant for the interchange at 36th Street and I-135. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 7. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Westfall as the voting delegate for the 36th Annual Kansas Association of Counties meeting. Alternate voting delegates will be Commissioner Roberson and Joyce Truskett, County Clerk. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 8. John Waltner reported on the “fence viewing” that was conducted last Friday. Although a realtor’s disclosure agreement on the south property states that the fence is owned by the north property owner, the statement was not signed by both property owners. The land on both sides of the fence is used for grazing. Based on the information obtained at the viewing, Counselor Greg Nye will prepare a statement which will be sent to both adjacent land owners recommending that the cost to repair the fence be shared equally. The Commissioners will review the letter next week.
 9. Sheriff T. Walton asked how many times a dog can bite someone before it is declared a vicious dog. There are no known restrictions.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$105,241.35 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign an activity sheet for the County application to the Community Rating System within the National Flood Insurance Program. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

A trip for the Commissioners to observe the single stream recycling program in Reno County is tentatively scheduled for October 24.

Jo Miller, Health Department Director, and Sindi Dyck gave a report on what the Health Department has accomplished in the last year and what the goals of the department are. The goal of the department is not to function as a primary care physician, but to promote the Health Department as a preventative and protective agency. The largest project undertaken in the last

year is at the Cooper School Early Education Center. They spend eight hours per week providing immunizations, vision and hearing evaluations, and other preventive maintenance for the children. Kansas was one of only four states that received vaccination funding this year, and Harvey County was one of ten counties to receive funding. The Health Department received \$98,000 to administer vaccinations for both students and workers in schools. The program is a two year program that begins on November 1. As a requirement of the grant, the Health Department does more third party billings of insurance companies, so more cost of services is recovered. Although the department already holds immunization clinics, 84 more clinics are being scheduled in the next two years in the 21 schools in the county. Some reorganization of employees include Skip Cowan, who in addition to work at the Health Department, is now working 16 hours per week as an assistant to Lonnie Boller, in the Emergency Management Department. Lisa Bartel works with chronic disease risk reduction. A Community Health Assessment Plan is being developed and will hopefully be in place in less than three years. Because of the funding received from the grant, and significant savings in the nursing department due to drug companies replacing expired vaccine with new vaccine, there are funds available that could be used for other expenditures. Jo requested permission to purchase both an audiometer, which will cost about \$6,000, and an additional vehicle for the Health Department. After discussion, it was decided that another van would be most appropriate. Anthony Swartzendruber will meet with Jo to determine how this would fit into the 2011 budget. The Commission directed Ms. Miller to purchase the audiometer per required county purchasing procedures.

At 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss items protected by attorney/client privilege and personnel matters. 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. At 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to extend the executive session for another 10 minutes. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 11:35 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ron Krehbiel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marge Roberson, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member