

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 24, 2011

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 24, 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 reported that he received a suggestion from an employee with regard to the in-service day held on Columbus Day. The employee suggested that there be more than one representative from the contracting health insurance provider to answer questions. He reported that the wait time exceeded an hour.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The December 12th Quad County meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. rather than 9:00 a.m. as listed on the calendar.
2. The Commissioners are invited to an Open house for the new Sedgwick Senior Center on November 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Minutes of the October 17 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, gave the Commissioners an update on an issue with the scraper that was rebuilt by Foley Tractor after it was damaged in a fire. A pump on the scraper had developed a whining noise so it was checked by the Foley mechanic. It came to light that although it was discovered that the pump had rust inside, the pump was put back together and reused in the original repair. Although Foley Tractor has accepted responsibility for not repairing the pump properly during the rebuild, the cost of the replacement pump was \$17,000 in addition to \$8,900 for replacement parts. These amounts do not include any labor costs. Roy and John Waltner met with Foley representatives on October 18 who have asked that Harvey County be willing to share some of the costs to repair the pump. It was noted that Harvey County has had a long-standing good relationship with Foley Tractor who has agreed not to charge any labor for the repair and to extend the warranty from 6 months to 1,000 hours. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve a payment of \$8,500 to resolve the pump issue. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Sheriff T Walton reported that there was a fatality accident on Interstate I-135 near the McPherson/Harvey County line early Saturday morning. He also reported that Vern Schmidt, Jail Captain, is planning to retire after 25 years with Harvey County. A retirement reception is planned for November 29.

3. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that road patching for this season has been completed and pavement striping began this morning. Commissioner Westfall reported that he had received a call from a citizen regarding the lack of striping. Jim also reported that LaFarge has obtained the needed permit from the railroad to do work on the railroad crossing on Ridge Road just south of Highway 50. The Commissioners received a copy of a letter sent to the Pleasant Township Trustee stating that the County will no longer grade NE 12th Street west of N. East Lake Road. Jim also estimated a cost of 5.3 million to upgrade and pave approximately 13 miles of East Lake Road. This estimated cost does not include any ditch work, culverts, or guard rails.
4. Byron Warta will be attending a Kansas Water Authority meeting next week.
5. The Commissioners received a copy of the quarterly publication of Harvey County expenditures and balances.
6. The Commissioners received a copy of the hunting regulations for the East Lake 2011/2012 hunting season. Turkey hunting has been added for bow season and duck and goose hunting has been confined to one blind located north of Catfish Point on the east side of the lake.
7. With a new motor vehicle registration system being implemented, information regarding potential liability to governmental entities for lien recording errors was given to the Commissioners. If a lien fails to be recorded, it will be the responsibility of the County. The Kansas Division of Motor Vehicles will bear no responsibility. No additional insurance coverage will be needed from KCAMP.
8. A Sheriff's sale will be held at East Lake this Wednesday to sell two abandoned campers.
9. The Commissioners have been invited to an open house at the Cornerstone Law Office on November 3rd.
10. A draft of the findings for the Romine/Hancock fence viewing was presented to the Commissioners for review. All legal descriptions included in the draft have been verified and are correct. The draft contains both the findings of the viewing and the recommendations based on the information received.
11. The Commissioners reviewed the news release stating that Jerree Forbes resigned as Executive Director of Health Ministries. The resignation is effective immediately.
12. The Commissioners were informed that the Sedgwick Downtown Historic District will be considered by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places at a meeting in Topeka on November 19, 2011. The Commissioners are invited to attend.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$69,728.69 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:00 a.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 Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 10:15 a.m. with no action being taken.

Anthony Swartzendruber presented a request by Carroll W. Clark for a conditional use permit to operate a farm equipment and vehicle repair business in the A-1, Agricultural Zoning District. The property is located on the southwest corner of S. Old Settlers Road and SW 60th Street. David Long attended the meeting to represent the owner. The request has been considered by the Regional Planning Commission who has recommended approval of the request with the stipulation that all inoperable vehicles be stored either in a building or behind a privacy fence. No letters or petitions protesting the permit were received. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the conditional use permit for Carroll W. Clark with the stipulated conditions. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:45 a.m. the Commissioners left to attend a tour of the Reno County Single Stream Recycling Center.

Following a lunch recess the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ron Krehbiel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marge Roberson, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member