

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

**October 31, 2011**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 31, 2011 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. There are no items added to the agenda.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall stated that his wife, Terry will travel with him to the KAC meeting Nov. 13 - 15, but will not be attending any of the spouse's events.
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 24 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Byron Warta informed the commission that he will be attending a state water board meeting this Thursday & Friday. He also stated that the blue-green algae problems are mostly gone statewide. He stated that there is more concern over lake levels and water quantity statewide.
2. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that striping is being done. He also informed the commissioners that a meeting about street signs was productive and that they will start using a new post and sign system like what is being used in Sedgwick County. He also met with the City of Newton about continuing county maintenance of sections of South Spencer & SE 36<sup>th</sup> street that were annexed by the city for the Logistics Park, he agreed to continue maintaining those roads.
3. Anthony Swartzendruber distributed handouts showing the October Sales Tax and Compensating Use Tax collection figures, the year to date number is up.
4. Sheriff T Walton reported that jail population is 110 and that the new jail management software is installed and training is in progress. He also discussed a letter that was sent to a county resident concerning a vicious dog issue, and stated that this issue brings up the need for a county resolution regarding dog attacks or vicious dogs. He will bring a proposal to the commission in the future.
5. John Waltner pointed out handouts on Logistics Park updates and a letter showing the new KDOT commitments to upgrading the road and rail infrastructure for the Logistics Park.
6. John Waltner asked the commissioners if a letter should be drafted to Congressman Mike Pompeo regarding the county's concerns about his proposed energy credit reduction or elimination legislation. No action was taken.

7. John Waltner informed the commission that new furniture has been installed in the Driver's License office. He also told them that the vehicle registration upgrade scheduled for December in the Treasurer's office is on hold indefinitely.
8. John Waltner stated that he and a committee have been working on an instrument for performance management employee evaluations. He talked with Racquel Thiesen with Growth Associates and the Kansas Leadership Center about a proposal to do the leadership training. The committee will meet with Racquel on Wednesday.
9. John Waltner also pointed out a copy of the new Harvey County Newsletter, a newsletter for employees that will probably be created and distributed monthly. The commissioners agreed that the newsletter is a good idea.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

Byron Warta questioned whether KDOT funds from the Kansas Logistics Park projects will come to the county. He also encouraged the Commission to thoroughly investigate the Pompeo plan to reduce or eliminate energy credits and incentives.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$79,920.31 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

A letter documenting the findings of a fence viewing by the commissioners, pursuant to K.S.A. 29-101 et seq., on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 was presented to be adopted and executed by the commissioners. Commissioner Westfall motioned that the letter be approved and signed, Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 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