

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 19, 2011

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 19, 2011 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Krehbiel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Roberson reported on the Council of Governments meeting that was held last week. Much of the discussion at the meeting was focused on services that have been funded by the state that are now being funded by cities and counties and how the municipalities should respond to this and the repercussions that may follow. Some counties have chosen to help fund SRS to enable those services to continue for their citizens. Byron Warta pointed out that the public does not realize how these types of issues affect their local tax rates. City Commissioner Willis Heck was to meet with Senator Carolyn McGinn last week to discuss the whole tax issue. She is encouraging study of the tax issues and what could happen with taxes in the future.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel asked about the proposed changes in the rental rates of the Parks buildings. The new proposed rates will be presented to the Commission for final approval at a future commission meeting.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The REAP meeting for the month of October will be held on the first Monday.
2. Commissioner Roberson will attend a KCAMP retreat on September 21 and 22.
3. There will be no commission meeting on November 14. The commissioners will be attending the KAC meeting in Topeka.
4. The Council of Governments meeting will be held October 12 at 7:00 a.m.
5. All three Commissioners will be attending the Farm Bureau meeting in Hesston tomorrow evening.
6. There will be an Aviation Commission meeting held at 4:00 p.m. today.

Minutes of the September 12 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Roberson, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners received information on the 4th annual Walton Rural Life Festival to be held on Saturday, October 8. Proceeds from the festival are to benefit the Walton School.
2. The Commissioners received information from the development team for the Grain Belt Express Clean Line, an overhead, high voltage direct current transmission line that will connect wind resources from western Kansas to Missouri and points farther east.

3. The Commissioners received a letter from the Kansas Development Finance Authority advising that, if approved by the Commission, an Agricultural Development Revenue Bond to finance the acquisition of 37 acres of agricultural land and related improvements and equipment will be issued to Justin and Joan Holdeman as part of the "Beginning Farmer Program." Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve the Agricultural Development Revenue Bond, Project number 000820. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
4. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has notified Harvey County that Permit No. 0812 permitting composting and the transfer station is due for annual renewal before November 22, 2011. The agreement between Harvey County and Reno County to dispose Harvey County solid waste in the Reno County Landfill is also up for renewal on an annual basis. Roy Patton, Director of Harvey County Solid Waste, wanted to make sure that the Commissioners understand that the agreement states that Harvey County may be liable for a share of the costs of response to the possible current or future release of hazardous substances from the Reno County Landfill. Counselor Greg Nye will contact the Reno County Counselor and discuss the language in article 10.b of the agreement.
5. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to nominate Steve Garten, Barber County Commissioner, as the board member to KWORCC for the Southeast District. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. A letter was received from the Kansas Department of Health & Environment approving of the Bacteriological Sampling Site Plan submitted by Kass Miller, Park Ranger, in response to deficiencies noted as a result of a public water supply sanitary survey inspection of the water systems at Camp Hawk.
7. There will be a public announcement by the Economic Development Council at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers tomorrow afternoon regarding a grant from the USDA.
8. Anthony Swartzendruber, Assistant Administrator, presented information on the City of Newton's Sand Creek Station Golf Course housing bonds. A portion of these bonds are paid for by the County's portion of the ad valorem tax collected on the homes there. The bonds were issued in 2005 and the payout is in 2025. The annual amount of county tax collected and then paid to the city per the interlocal agreement to reduce the amount of the bond is as follows:

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| 2007 | \$ 6,165.44 |
| 2008 | 18,834.69 |
| 2009 | 29,744.02 |
| 2010 | 37,677.85 |
| 2011 | 41,840.00 |
9. The Commissioners received a copy of a lawsuit filed against the County in District Court on September 14.

10. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the contract for legal services for indigent defense for the year 2012. The participating attorneys serving on the panel will be Marilyn Wilder, Michael Llamas, Bradley Jantz, and Donald Snapp. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
9. John Waltner reported to the Commission that the Master Gardeners have developed a plan to upgrade the garden area east of the courthouse between the Courthouse and the Detention Center. According to Scott Eckert, compost to remediate the soil will cost approximately \$400. Much of the plant material will be donated.
10. The Health Department will be administering flu shots to employees on October 10th. The courthouse will be closed to the public that day in honor of Columbus Day. However, it will be a regular work day for employees. In addition to flu shots, open enrollment for health insurance, dental insurance, and deferred compensation will be held for employees.
11. The Commissioners will participate in the Burrton Fall Festival parade on September 24.
12. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported on the road sealing project on Hesston Road. The project was completed last week, but the contractor will come back today to take care of a couple of issues. The overlay project on NW 36th began this morning. The rail crossing on Ridge Road just south of Highway 50 is scheduled to follow that project. However, because of delays from the railroad, the contractor has been unable to obtain the required permit from them.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$94,445.72 for the week of 9/15/11 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Davies, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented a request by Dennis and Karen Becker for permission to split off approximately 3 acres from a 43 acre parcel in the northwest quarter of Section 33 of Halstead Township. The application was considered at a meeting of the Harvey County Regional Planning Commission who recommended the approval of the application on a vote of 5 in favor and 3 opposed. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the application with ingress/egress to construct a private drive if necessary. Commissioner Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jim Meier presented bids from Paul Ferguson of Poe and Associates, to perform the annual bridge inspection of 28 bridges in Harvey County. The bid for the inspections is \$3667.90 or \$131.00 per bridge.

Jim opened the bids for the purchase of a one-ton flat bed truck for the Road & Bridge Department. The amount budgeted for the purchase is \$38,000. One bid in the amount of \$33,337.00 was received from Rusty Eck. Delivery of the truck would be in 14 to 16 weeks. Subject to verification that all specifications are met, Commissioner Roberson made a motion to

accept the bid from Rusty Eck. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber presented a resolution for a HUD sustainability grant. REAP is leading the effort to obtain a sustainability plan for the region that contains the counties of Sedgwick, Butler, Harvey, Sumner, and Reno. Although the exact amount that will be applied for is unknown, it will be approximately 1.2 to 1.5 million. A grant match of 20% will be required in either cash or in-kind contributions. Harvey County's in-kind contribution would be in the amount of \$20,060. Commissioner Roberson made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2011-23**, authorizing Harvey County to participate in a consortium of counties and other entities to apply for a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant and make an in-kind contribution. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jo Miller, Director of the Health Department, gave the Commission an update on community partners and how they are working together to build a plan to meet the health needs of citizens in this area. All communities are required to do a community health assessment at least once every five years. In addition to Jo, Jessie Kaye, Prairie View; Jerree Forbes, Health Ministries; Malia Gonzalez, Newton Medical Center; Linette Redington; and four Health Department staff members will begin the different phases of organization and implementation using the tool of Mobilizing, Action, Planning, and Partnerships (MAPP). Sonja Armbruster, Director of Community Assessment Projects in Sedgwick County is working as a consultant, assisting the Health Department with this project. About 35 to 40 community leaders attended a kick-off event where Ms. Armbruster presented an outline of the scope of the project. Approximately 20 people signed up to serve on the steering committee along with the existing 12 in the core group. After the implementation of the plan, at the end of three years they should have a good assessment of what Harvey County's health status is and a strategic plan on how to continue and improve. The ability to apply for grants in the future will depend on whether we have a good up to date assessment and this must be a collaborative effort between all partners involved in Harvey County health care. The Health Department has applied for a Kansas Health Association Community Grant. This is a five year grant that could increase every year. They also received a Project 6 grant to go into the schools to help immunize the students. They currently have a pilot program with Cooper School. Health Ministries received an \$80,000 planning grant from the Human Resources and Services Administration, to specifically be used for partnering with other organizations such as Prairie View and the Health Department. Health Ministries and the Health Department are currently engaging in an employee exchange program for a couple of hours a week so each organization can have a better understanding of how the other provides services. They are also working on a referral system. The Memorandum of Agreement between the Health Department and Health Ministries is also going to be revised. Because Jo was selected to attend a five day training event, she applied and was awarded a grant for \$1,500, which can be used in the assessment project.

At 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss legal issues with the County Counselor. 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 11:25 a.m. with no action being taken.

The Commissioners left at 11:30 a.m. to attend the Quad County Meeting at the Meridian Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ron Krehbiel, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marge Roberson, Member

Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member