

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 16, 2012

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 16, 2012 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Westfall attended the legislative session held on Saturday morning. The main issue at this time is senate redistricting.
2. Commissioner Westfall attended the Kurt Ford Memorial Shooting event. The Newton City Police Department won the trophy.
3. Commissioner Westfall attended the public meeting held by Walton Fire District #1, where a resolution was passed to obtain bonds to build an addition on the existing fire station. There was discussion of the resolution and questions, but no one spoke against it.
4. Commissioner Westfall reported that airport fuel sales for the first quarter were \$214,000 and \$93,000 of that was collected during the month of March due to agricultural related flights.
5. Commissioner Roberson also attended the legislative session held on Saturday morning. She reported that the session was well attended. One of the issues discussed was a proposal from the House of Representatives to take money from KDOT to pay for education versus the Senate who proposed taking it from the reserves from the sales tax increase from the prior year.
6. Commissioner Roberson also attended the Public/Private Partnership meeting and reported on the items that were discussed there.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The annual Chamber of Commerce annual golf tournament and steak feed will be held on May 4th at 6:00 at the Sand Creek Golf Course.
2. The Harvey County EDC is holding a meeting at the Meridian Center at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon where a program on the incubator accelerator will be presented by K-State. Commissioners Roberson and Westfall will attend.
3. A meeting will be held today at 2:00 p.m. at D'Angelo's Pizza Parlor in Halstead to discuss the removal of debris from the Little Arkansas River near SW 48th Street and Essex Heights Road. Those attending will be Lakin Township Officers, Jim Meier, John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, and Commissioner Krehbiel. The debris that was temporarily placed on some farm land has been removed and the area cleaned up.
4. Commissioner Westfall will attend an Aviation Commission meeting today at 4:00 p.m.
5. There is a possibility that Commissioner Westfall may not be able to attend the April 23 Commission meeting.

6. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend the Community Corrections meeting on April 19th at 12:00 noon in the Judge's chambers.

Minutes of the April 9, 2012 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Lonnie Buller, Director of Emergency Management, reported on the severe weather, which included the occurrence of over 90 tornadoes, in the State of Kansas over the weekend. There were two locations in the county that were damaged by tornadoes. One of the locations was 8935 N Halstead Road where there were some windows and doors damaged and debris from items that had been stored outside a shed. The other location was 1003 NW 108th Street where heavy tree damage occurred and five outbuildings were lost. There are two homes located on the property and both had roof, siding, and window damage. There was also a report of a fire truck that went off the road and tipped over. However the truck was from the Moundridge Fire Department and the incident happened in McPherson County. This was caused by storm spotters and chasers who were blocking roads and preventing emergency vehicles from reaching their destinations.
2. The EDC and the City of Hesston are planning a reception in honor of Mike King, who has been appointed the Interim Secretary for the Kansas Department of Transportation. The reception will be held on Thursday, May 10 at the Dyck Arboretum at 4:00 p.m.
3. The EDC will hold their strategic planning meeting on Wednesday, April 18th from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. This would include all EDC board members and any elected officials of the appointing bodies. The meeting will be held at the new fire station in Halstead.
4. John Waltner reported that he talked to Byron Motter and Eugene Wendling, members of the Public Building Commission, and asked if they would be willing to be reappointed to the PBC for another three year term. Mr. Wendling has indicated that he would be willing to serve, however Byron Motter prefers to serve only until his term ends on June 30, 2012.
5. Shannon Metz, West Park Supervisor, provided pictures of a large fish that was part of a stocking program at the Park.
6. The 40th annual meeting of the SCKEDD Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, April 26th in Cooper Hall at Sterling College in Sterling, KS.
7. John reported that Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, reported that the Planet Aid group picked up 1,840 pounds of clothing from the boxes placed at the Courthouse and Transfer Station to collect old clothing. Roy is also working closely with the EtCetera Shop which retails used clothing.
8. John presented a request from Jim Swartzenberger, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, to help sponsor the planting in the decorative planters along Main Street in the City of Newton. The Master Gardeners would take responsibility for

- planting the containers and then the County would take responsibility for keeping the ones on the Courthouse block watered. The plants would need watered twice a day. The Commissioners agreed to participate.
9. John also received an inquiry from a citizen who wanted to locate a portable hot dog stand on county property. The Commission declined to allow this.
 10. A tentative date of Sunday, June 3 was set for an employee picnic to be held at West Park. The picnic will begin late in the afternoon.
 11. Karen Kaufman, Transportation Coordinator, has notified the Commission that, effective July 1, 2012 the state transportation reimbursement will be reduced from 18% to 15%. This means an increase in county local match of \$2,133.86.
 12. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that the pipe for the entrance for IMMI in Burrton will be installed tomorrow. He also reported that the dump truck that was damaged has been repaired and returned to the Road & Bridge Department. The cost of the repair was \$21,000 of which the County will have to pay \$6,500 in insurance deductible and damage that the dump truck had prior to the incident.
 13. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he viewed the proposed storage unit to co-rent with the City of Newton. The unit would serve the storage needs well and would be heated in the winter. The owner of the unit is willing to modify the building at no extra cost to accommodate one of the larger units that needs to be stored. The rent is \$800 per month and would be shared between the City and the County. Utility bills are not included in the rent. The owner of the building wants a commitment within a week. The Commission would like time to research and discuss the issue further.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for citizen's forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$111,189.67 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to extend the executive session for an additional 10 minutes. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Executive session ended at 10:40 a.m. with no action being taken.

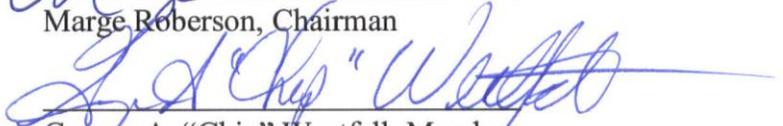
Discussion was held regarding data processing expenditures and the replacement of the AS400 computer system. The current version of the software on the AS400 is no longer being updated by IBM, the company who created it. Therefore, the only way to upgrade it is to purchase a re-furbished one or a new one. There is a question as to whether to replace the AS400 or begin looking at a new windows-based system. The financial management part of the current software

system requires additional data tracking by either Quick Books or spread sheets. However, the AS400 is known to be a more stable platform than a windows-based system. Newly developed software now is primarily being written for window-based systems. Arrangements will be made with 2 software providers to demonstrate their programs. Not every county department would have to participate, but the tax system and financial management system should be from the same software. More research will be conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Marge Roberson, Chairman


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk


Ron Krehbiel, Member

