

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 23, 2012

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on April 23, 2012 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel and John Waltner met with Lakin Township Officers regarding the removal of material that had been dumped in the Little Arkansas River to stop the erosion of the road. The Township has asked Jim Meier to help them determine what the process would be and how much it will cost the Township to realign the road, moving it away from the river.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel received a call from Warren Schroeder who owns property east of Spencer and north of First Street. Mr. Schroeder would like for an entrance to be built onto the property. However, this is an issue that needs to be decided by the City of Newton, as the property falls within the city limits.
3. Commissioner Roberson attended a KCAMP meeting last week. There was concern about storm damage that occurred in the state a week ago, but many of the counties that suffered damage are not affiliated with KCAMP. There was also much discussion held about a jail escape that occurred in Ottawa County. She also reported that there is an insurance policy that can be purchased through KCAMP to provide additional coverage of events that are held in rented county facilities. Called a tulip policy, the up front cost to the county would be \$2,000 plus a fee per event that would be determined according to the risk involved.
4. Commissioner Westfall reported that he had received reports from the Airport Manager that there are now indications that federal funding for the reconstruction of the airport runway will be 95% of the project as originally agreed upon by contract, instead of 90% as later presented in a funding cut.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners will leave for Lawrence at 9:00 on Tuesday morning to attend the KCCA meeting.
2. Reservations will be made for the Commissioners to attend the annual Steak Feed on Friday, May 4.
3. The Commission meeting on June 11 will begin at 10:30 following the REAP meeting, rather than at 9:00 as listed on the calendar.

Minutes of the April 16, 2012 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19 Special Commission meeting. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Rich Hanley, Director of Department on Aging, presented a plan establishing guidelines and criteria for the expenditure of county mill levy funds by each of the county senior centers. The guidelines will help them to be more focused and strategic in how the dollars are spent. More of the money needs to be spent to enable elderly persons to continue to live independently. One example might be to have volunteer nurses lay out medications for these persons.
2. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2012-10**, to advertise and sell certain equipment that is no longer required for use by the county. The equipment list includes a 1998 Dodge Dakota, three 14-foot aluminum boats, 5 trolling motors, 3 paddle boats, and a Mercury 6HP engine. Also included in the sale will be an abandoned Jayco camper. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The items will be sold on the Purple Wave Auction site.
3. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, presented a request to pursue the purchase of a lightly used Bomag, which would cost approximately \$260,000 to \$300,000. The Bomag that is currently being used by the Road & Bridge Department has a broken frame that has been welded twice and could be very dangerous for the operator if it should break again while in use. The engine is also failing and will not last through the season. There is an option of leasing a machine, but the cost would be \$12,500 per month. Jim will obtain more information on either selling or scrapping the current machine and also pricing for the purchase of lightly used machines. He is looking at either a 362 2-wheel drive or a 364 4-wheel drive. The primary use of the machine will be for pavement patching. Although there were no funds budgeted for the purchase, there are options such as lease/purchase, short-term notes, or maybe cash, depending on the actual cost of the purchase. Since the 2011 Road & Bridge projects came in under budget, there was a higher fund balance at the end of the year. The budgeted amount was transferred to the Special Highway Fund and the extra amount was transferred to the Equipment Reserve Fund, which will also help toward this purchase. Jim also reported that the bridge northwest of Hesston on NW 96th has been removed. John reported that Paul Ferguson, Poe & Associates Engineer, is writing a letter to Heft Contractors in an effort to fix the defective overlay on Hesston Road.
4. The Commissioners will plan a time next week to view the dam area at West Park, which has a significant erosion problem
5. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he checked into a contract with the KDOC to potentially house prisoners, however the state only pays \$40 per day per inmate, and \$55 per inmate per day is received for federal prisoners. He reported the inmate population at the Detention Center is down to 116. He also reported that the hot water boiler heater has been repaired, and the intake valve to the boiler has also been replaced. A Convection oven has been purchased and installed and the dishwasher is to be installed today. He also reported several mailbox vandalism occurrences near Halstead. Sheriff Walton also reported that video equipment bids for the jail are due Friday. He has also started to re-write the old policy and

procedures manual for the Detention Center, with a projected completion date in June or July. The final report of the detention center evaluation has been received and a copy will be given to the Commissioners.

6. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that the 2011 audit is being completed and the final reports should be available by mid to late May. He also reported that a meeting with department heads who use the tax system was held last Friday. Demos from at least two software suppliers will be scheduled some time in May.

Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, presented the FY 2013 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan and Grant Application. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the grant application as presented. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for citizen's forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$62,732.90 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$1,395.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, Linda Kientz, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 10:55 a.m. with no action being taken.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to offer LeeAnn Daniels the position of Harvey County IT Director at an annual salary of \$45,500. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

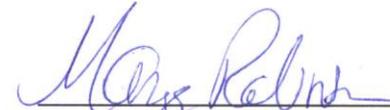
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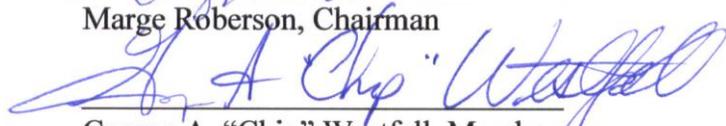
ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



Marge Roberson, Chairman



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member



Ron Krehbiel, Member