

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 27, 2012

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on August 27, 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 read an excerpt from the Hutchinson News about Siemens Industries which manufactures wind tower generators. There is a temporary layoff of 165 employees at the plant as of the end of August. The article stated that if the tax credit for wind energy is not renewed, many jobs in the wind industry will be lost throughout the Midwest. He also asked when the extension of the rail system to the Logistics Park will be done. John Waltner said that since that project is funded by KDOT, it will not be done until the contract with New Millennium is signed. Although funding has been committed to New Millennium, neither the County nor the City has specifically spent money with regard to New Millennium other than the original purchase of the Logistics Park property. He also stated that the Logistics Park was not developed specifically for businesses related to wind energy. Chairman Roberson stated that industry tends to cycle more than it used to, having to lay off workers and then rehire them. She also noted that the Tindall Company continues to plan on locating a facility at the Logistics Park and have paid taxes on property they own there.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that he attended the open house held at the City of Halstead Fire and EMS building. He also attended part of the meeting with Senator Roberts last week. He reported that Brazil is the country that is least affected by the rise and spike in oil prices because they have a 25-year and a 50-year energy plan.
3. Commissioner Westfall also received a call from Gene Meyer of the Kansas Reporter. Mr. Meyer wrote an article about the promised development of the New Millennium Wind Energy Company at the Logistics Park. Commissioner Westfall informed him that the high-tech blades for the generator being developed by New Millennium are being studied and tweaked by Wichita State University's National Institute for Aviation Research, as part of incentives offered by the State of Kansas. Mr. Meyer also talked with others in the Newton area about the Logistics Park.
4. Commissioner Roberson also attended the open house at Halstead and commented that it was very impressive. She also attended the meeting with Senator Roberts and toured the Logistics Park with him. He was very impressed by the work and coordination between the City and the County for the project. He reiterated that economic development never moves as fast as what is planned.
5. Commissioner Roberson received a phone call from Mr. Smurr about "extended stay" camping at West Park. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the Park Board was contacted about the problem and some misunderstandings have been cleared up. There were some issues about which camping spots were "extended stay" and that has been clarified.

6. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that although he was not able to attend the open house at Halstead, J.R. Hatfield had taken him on a tour of the new EMS building. He was also very impressed with the facility.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel will be out of town until September 27 and will be absent from Commission meetings through that time.
2. There may not be a commission meeting next week on the day after Labor Day. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the payment of routine bills and the commission will review them on September 10th. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Commissioner Roberson will attend a KCAMP meeting on September 18 and 19.
4. There will be a Council of Governments meeting on Wednesday, September 12. The REAP Legislative Listening Tour will be a part of that meeting.

Minutes of the August 20th Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner updated the Commission about additional expenses incurred by the County when ICM brought in an out-of-state company to shred some of the solid waste for testing of the gasifier at the old Harvey County Landfill. The expenses included replacement of a ruined loader tire, and overtime for Transfer Station employees. The total of the extra expenses was \$1,650. ICM has requested that they provide the equivalent of that amount in diesel fuel for the County.
2. John also reported that Tina Payne, the new Director of the Harvey County United Way, has requested permission to speak to County employees on October 8, during the employee in-service day.
3. A rig tour at the McKanna drilling site has been scheduled for Thursday, September 27. The drilling site, which is a fracking operation, is east of Highway 196 on property owned by Sid Nattier. Representatives from the drilling company will be on site that day and will conduct the tour. They will also be holding meetings with first responders that evening.
4. The City of Newton is anticipating annexing the airport into the City. A resolution will be presented to the City Commission on September 11th. Following that meeting the County will be requested to also pass a resolution.
5. John, Jim Meier, and Anthony Swartzendruber met with John Carder and Jim Erb, of the City of Hesston, to discuss the Lincoln Boulevard reconstruction project. The County will be sharing the cost for the center two lanes of the road. The scope of the project is significant because of the amount of work and the cost. It will involve drainage, which was not involved in the original construction of the road in 1987. The City of Hesston has contracted with Schwaab-Eaton for the design of the project and a geo-technical study has been performed which justifies the proposed cost of \$2.5 million. Poe & Associates, County Engineers, will review the design to determine if the proposed 12 inches of asphalt or 9" of concrete is really necessary

- for the County portion of the road.
6. The County has been invited by Prairie View to jointly share a table with them and Health Ministries at the Chamber of Commerce dinner on September 13. Commissioner Roberson will attend.
 7. The Commissioners received information on the issue involving the possible construction of a new temporary shelter for homeless persons. The land where the former Bethel Deaconess Hospital was located was purchased for the project, but after objections from property owners in the surrounding neighborhood, the City of Newton passed a six month moratorium on conditional use permits for that type of facility. The property is located across the street from the Newton Professional Center and Health Ministries.
 8. John reported that he received a call from Rusty Walter of Fire District #5 last week. They have purchased property in Burrton to construct a new Fire and EMS building. He asked if they could receive some kind of a break at the C&D landfill for debris from demolished buildings. He will bring in an estimate of tonnage for the debris and Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, will look at the buildings to be demolished to make sure there are not any issues with asbestos, etc. Also complicating the issue is the fact that a portion of that fire district lies in Reno County.
 9. John Waltner, Lynette Reddington, and Jo Miller attended the South Central Regional Health meeting. John reported that it was a very good meeting which included the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. It was reiterated that County Commissions are the County Boards of Health.
 10. Jason Reynolds presented a proclamation for National Suicide Prevention Week on September 9-15, 2012. This is the fourth year for the proclamation. There is a coalition made up of a diverse group of people from all different segments of our community that have worked to educate people on this problem. Prairie View has also worked with the coalition in prevention efforts. In 2009, suicide in this area was 50% higher per capita than the national average. Now the calls to 911 have increased and the suicide rate has begun to decrease, which indicates that their efforts are starting to work. Jason expressed appreciation for the Commission's support for this effort. Chairman Roberson expressed appreciation for the coalition and the work they have done. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to sign the proclamation for National Suicide Prevention week on September 9-15, 2012. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 11. Sheriff T Walton reported that the Heart To Heart Melodrama fundraiser that was held last week was successful and raised \$3,500. He also reported that a couple of people have been arrested for criminal damage on county roads after the recent rains. Another person was arrested for burglary after a routine stop for an expired tag.
 12. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, said the 2012 overlay is complete and he is pleased with the outcome. The striping contractor may be here on Wednesday. After a question from Commissioner Westfall, Jim said that the overtime hours accumulated for Saturdays is generally four hours per employee.
 13. Byron Warta reported that the airport runway project is progressing. With the recent rain, they have to pump water out of the holes. Three hundred feet of concrete has now been removed. He also encouraged the county legal staff to research what the

duties of the county will be after the annexation of the Airport by the City of Newton. There will most likely be increased traffic on county roads because of increased activity at several of the businesses there. He reported that Ballard's Aviation will be requesting an additional hangar and Air Ambulance is also looking at expanding there. Butler Rural Electric is working very hard to accommodate the needs of the airport.

14. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that he attended a finance officers meeting last week. The projected KPERS contribution rates will continue to increase fairly significantly.
15. Counselor Greg Nye informed the Commissioners that the pending tax foreclosure sale has been published in the newspaper. Some of the defendants cannot be located. There were originally 30 properties listed for the sale, however all but 10 have been redeemed. He also reported that three county leases are being drafted and reviewed. These include the lease for the residence at West Park, ResCare, and Prairie View.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Vernon Savage attended the Commission meeting as just an observer.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$116,113.05 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$600.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

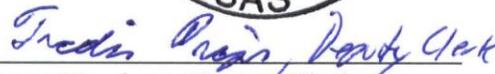
Janet Cagle, Director of Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections, presented the 2011 Kansas Department of Corrections Year End Outcome Report and the FY 2013 Carryover Reimbursement Personnel Budget narrative. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Following a tour of the new Detention Center Camera System, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

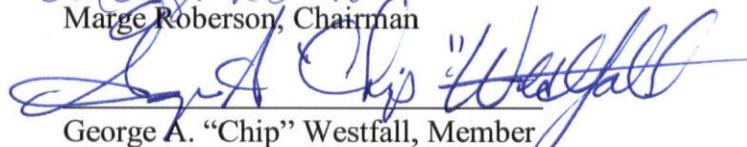
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