

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

**December 10, 2012**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on December 10, 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 reported that he received two very nice compliments last week about the improved condition of SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel made reference to an article in the Hutchinson News about global trading. China now far outpaces the United States in exports.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The Chamber of Commerce breakfast will be held on December 21<sup>st</sup>.
2. There will be a Public/Private partnership meeting at Charlie's Restaurant Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. There will be a Kansas Logistics Park Development Authority meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Meridian Center at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend a Community Corrections meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes of the December 3rd Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner presented **Resolution No. 2012-22**, designating public holidays for 2013. Discussion of the proposed holidays was held. Commissioner Krehbiel suggested that the Commission consider adding Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> to the list to enable employees to have a four-day weekend. Commissioner Roberson said Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the list of holidays as presented. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the extension of an original five-year lease agreement between Harvey County and the City of Sedgwick for property located at 120 N. Washington in Sedgwick. The original lease for the building was signed in 2001 for a fee of \$1.00. Commissioner Westfall said that since it is obvious that Harvey County does not have any use for the building, it would be more appropriate to renew the lease for one year and then evaluate the property and try to come to an agreement to sell the building to the City at a fair price. This would give the City time to prepare and budget for the possible purchase of the building. Sedgwick Mayor, Keith DeHaven, said that the building is used as a joint recreation facility for the City and USD #439. Although there have been no improvements made to the exterior of the building, new heating and air conditioning has been

- installed and paid for by the City and school district. John reported that he talked briefly to Jaci Reimer, Sedgwick City Administrator, and she thought the City might be receptive to purchasing the building. Commissioner Krehbiel amended the original motion to specify a one-year lease rather than a five-year lease. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. John Waltner informed the Commission that Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Director of the Harvey County EDC, will be attending the Commission meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> to update the Commission on the activities of the EDC and what is happening with the Kansas Logistics Park.
  4. Lynnette Redington, Director of the Health Department, will also attend the meeting on December 17 to update the Commissioners on the status of the new KanCare program and the agreements that Harvey County has made with the approved service providers.
  5. A Council of Governments meeting will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will primarily focus on a discussion with Mike King, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation. In addition, discussion will be held with regard to the possibility of hiring a lobbyist to represent Harvey County and the cities included within. Bernie Koch, one-time lobbyist for the Wichita Chamber of Commerce, is now working independently and has offered to represent all the cities of Harvey County for a fee of \$6,000. This is significantly lower than what has been quoted in the past.
  6. A REAP Legislative Summit will be held this Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Drury Inn in Wichita. The summit will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will continue through the afternoon.
  7. Harvey County will host the Quad County meeting at Bethel College Student Center on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Perry White will speak about the role of private colleges in the state of Kansas.
  8. The Commissioners received a list of the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Nominating Commission Members from Justice Carol A. Beier, who is the convening judge for the Nominating Committee. There is one opening on the Commission due to the death of Ellis Musselwhite last year. The McPherson County Commissioners are working to fill this appointment. The purpose of the nominating commission shall be to nominate persons for appointment to the office of judge of the district court.
  9. Sheriff Walton reported that there were five burglaries in the Southeast part of the County within 2 days. After blanketing the area with law enforcement, the burglars moved into Sedgwick County and then to Sumner County where they were apprehended during a burglary there.
  10. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, provided information detailing the cost of bicycle signage for Harvey County roads as was discussed in last week's Commission meeting. There are approximately 150 locations where signage is proposed. A representative from the ReNewton committee will attend the commission meeting next week to update the Commission about the status of the project.
  11. Jim also showed the Commissioners one of the safety jackets that were purchased for Road & Bridge employees.

12. Jim also reported that Ron Seitz and Sandra Clark will be attending the commission meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> to talk about the federal exchange program.
13. The annual Township dinner will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
14. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the McPherson Police Department is being questioned by a Wisconsin “freedom from religion” group about Chaplains riding along with police officers. Both Harvey County and the City of Newton have Chaplain ride-along procedures. Counselor Greg Nye will review the policy on this procedure.
15. Anthony Swartzendruber reported that Kevin Cowan, Bond Attorney with Gilmore and Bell, will attend the Commission meeting next week to complete the necessary processes for the Kidron Bethel and Schowalter Villa IRBs. The CFO from Schowalter Villa will also attend.
16. Anthony also reported that the AS400 was replaced over the weekend and the process went fairly well.
17. Harvey County applied for and is a finalist for a website makeover. The County is seeking feedback from citizens.
18. Anthony reported that a number of year-end functions have already begun and he does not anticipate that any budgets will have to be re-adopted.
19. Byron Warta reported that slow progress is being made on another facility at the airport.

### **CITIZEN’S FORUM**

Leo Stahly reported that Darlington Township was approached by a group of citizen’s that are requesting that SW 48<sup>th</sup> from South Kansas Avenue one-half mile west. Jim Meier stated that an engineering traffic study would have to be done and then a resolution would have to be passed by the County Commission. The residents that live along that road are requesting that the speed limit be reduced on that stretch of road.

Commissioner-elect Randy Hague asked if there had been any feedback on the railroad signal crossing near Walton where a fatality accident occurred. Jim Meier said that a study was done there and has been submitted to the BNSF Railroad. Commissioner Westfall reported that someone suggested that possibly every crossing between Newton and Walton should be evaluated.

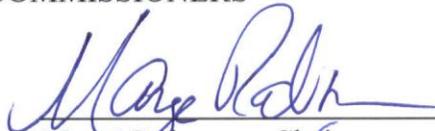
Warrant checks in the amount of \$92,855.29 and hand checks in the amount of \$39.41 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

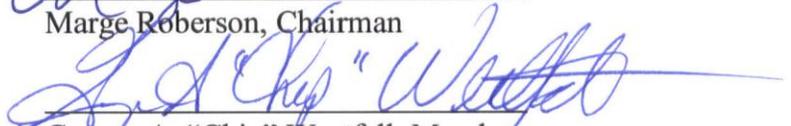
Gina Bell, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented a request from Craig & Julie Miller for a conditional use permit to operate a retreat/campground in the A-1 Agricultural Zoning District. The property is located at 6608 N River Park Road and was formerly Quail Valley Sporting Clays. The permit was considered by the Planning Commission who recommended approval of the permit with the condition that the water be tested on an annual basis and that the septic systems be approved by the County Commission. The Commissioners expressed concern about the number of septic

systems that will be required by the proposed development design. Mr. Miller stated that he presented what he thought the maximum number of buildings in the development might be, but the final design has really not been set. Commissioner Westfall said that the number of cabins needs to be specifically stated and the size of the pavilion building needs to be clarified. Commissioner Krehbiel expressed concern about the number of septic systems that will be required on the property. Commissioner Roberson asked about the road access, which is owned by another property owner. Counselor Nye said that if the easement for the road is just a farm easement, it could be a problem. The Commissioners also expressed concern that the cabins remain cabins and not be turned into permanent residences if the property were to be sold in the future. Mr. Miller said that he does not want the development to become a big place where concerts, etc. are held. His vision is for the development to be a small retreat area. The Commission requested that there be specific language added to the permit request that addresses the concerns voiced. The amended permit will be brought back before the commission at a future commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Marge Roberson, Chairman

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

