

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 6, 2012

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 6, 2012 with Commissioners Roberson and Krehbiel present. Commissioner Westfall was absent due to illness. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported on the meeting with the 3rd District Council of Governments representatives which was held last week. Several issues were discussed including the bridge closing and proposed removal and EDC funding. Although Jim Heinecke from the City of Burrton was not able to attend, Commissioner Krehbiel will be attending the Burrton City Council meeting this evening.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel will attend the Burrton City Council meeting this evening at 6:30 p.m.
2. Commissioner Roberson will attend the Public Private Partnership meeting at Charlie's Restaurant on February 10th at 7:00 a.m.
3. There is a REAP Economic Development meeting on February 8th.
4. The Planning Commission Appreciation dinner will be held at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston on Tuesday, February 7.
5. There will be a legislative forum held on February 25th at Charlie's Restaurant from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
6. A Council of Governments meeting will be held on February 8th at 7:00 a.m. at The Breadbasket.

Minutes of the January 30, 2012 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Chairman Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Sheriff T. Walton gave a report on a discussion to propose a concealed carry bill that provides that any person with a concealed carry permit will not be allowed to carry a gun in the courthouse, but a judge or their designee can carry a gun in the courthouse. There is discussion to change the bill to allow persons with a concealed carry permit to carry a gun in the courthouse. Sheriff Walton will monitor this.
2. The first of four department head leadership training sessions will be held tomorrow in the Courthouse Community Room.
3. John Waltner informed the Commission that there is a tax dispute with the administration of Ballard Aviation, who moved from the Wichita Mid-Continent Airport and built a facility at the Newton City/County Airport a couple of years

- ago. Both the City and the County agreed to certain concessions. The City of Newton built an apron to the facility, the County built a road from Oliver Road to the facility, and there were fuel concessions. The County also agreed to reimburse a portion of the county's portion of property taxes for the first 3 years. This was based on an estimated amount that was written into the agreement based on what Ballard stated that they were going to build. There is some confusion on how much is to be reimbursed, so this is being researched and will be settled as soon as the amount of the reimbursement can be determined. Although the agreement was made in December of 2009, the building was constructed in 2010 and this is the first year of the building being on the tax roll.
4. The Fox Theater Committee will conduct a cleanup day on Wednesday, February 8th. The City of Newton will provide a truck to haul the trash and Harvey County has agreed to accept the loads free of charge.
 5. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to sign a statement of support as a Harvey County employer for the Army National Guard and Army Reserves in Harvey County and authorize the Chairman to Sign. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 6. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he looked at the property that the Commissioners had a fence viewing on several months ago and that a separate drive had been installed, trees removed, and fencing was in place.
 7. Roy Patton and John Waltner met with Jim Spencer of Waste Connections and the manager of the recycling facility regarding the maintenance of the equipment at there. Although the center is managed by Waste Connections, Harvey County owns the equipment and is responsible for the maintenance. It was determined at the meeting that Waste Connections would prefer to have responsibility of all the maintenance and replacement of the equipment at the recycling facility. The plan is to eventually move all the recycling processing to the Waste Connections facility in Reno County, leaving the Harvey County facility as a transfer facility only. A new agreement will be written and brought before the Commission.
 8. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2012-6**, closing and removing two county bridges due to unsafe conditions. Residents that will be affected by the bridge closings have been notified by mail. Jim Meier stated that no action, as far as removal of the bridges, will be taken until the results of a study performed by Paul Ferguson, Engineer for Poe and Associates are made available. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
 9. A possible resolution for redistricting of Commission Districts was also presented. The Commission agreed to wait until all three Commissioners were present to make any decisions.
 10. Anthony Swartzendruber presented a proposed modification to the County purchasing policy, which was significantly changed approximately a year ago. The current policy requires departments to fill out a requisition, get three informal bids, and obtain approval from Administration prior to making a purchase greater than \$1,001. The recommendation is to raise that threshold amount to \$2,001.

Chairman Roberson stated that although she is not against raising the threshold amount to \$2,001, there should still be accountability to Administration for Department Heads.

11. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the individual that has been involved in 2 chases in Harvey County was apprehended last week in Sedgwick County.
12. Byron Warta said state legislation on water issues is progressing. The Governor continues to back a “use it or lose it” plan. Flex accounts are also being pushed. Byron has also been talking with the airport manager, the EDC, and Shane Reeves of Ballard Aviation. In addition to the taxation issue with Ballard Aviation, there have also been some issues with the KDHE with regard to fuel tanks.
13. Counselor Greg Nye reported that he, John Waltner, and Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, will meet with Waste Connections soon to revise the contract for the Recycling Center.
14. Jim Meier reported that the Road and Bridge Department is using a new brining system for winter weather road treatment. He also said that estimates have been received for the repair of the dump truck which was damaged last week. The estimates range from \$12,310 to \$14,350, depending on whether the cylinder will have to be replaced. Jim also informed the Commission that he will be placing a sign post order that will include posts and hardware for a new signage system for the County. The order will include signage for the Townships, who will pay 50% of the cost for their signage. The order will be approximately \$20,000.

CITIZEN’S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen’s Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$450,331.75 for the week of 2/02/12 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Chairman Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Cheney, Director of Noxious Weeds, presented the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for the year 2011 and the Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan for the year 2012. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the 2012 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Courtney Becker, Director of 911 Communications, presented two projects for the Communications Department that are over \$10,000, which according to purchasing policy, requires Commission approval. The first expenditure is for CAD maintenance which is provided by only one supplier. The cost is \$25,950. The second proposed expenditure is for the completion of the narrow banding project which is already in progress. This requires the replacement of existing radios, narrow band licensing, and installation costs. This is also available from only one provider for a cost of \$26,100. Both of these items were budgeted for in the 2012 budget. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve both of these expenditures. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

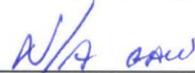
At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 15 minutes to discuss items of proprietary interest specifically relating to proposals received to perform a compensation study for Harvey County. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. 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 meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Marge Roberson, Chairman



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:



Joyce Truskett, County Clerk



Ron Krehbiel, Member

