

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

**February 13, 2012**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 13, 2012 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Chairman Roberson pointed out that there is an article in the NACO News about the lack of civility, not only in government, but in other areas which is clouding real issues. She also reported that there are some eminent domain issues on the federal level that need to be followed because they might adversely affect counties. Chairman Roberson attended the Council of Governments meeting last week where J. R. Hatfield gave an excellent talk on design/build. She also attended a Public/Private Partnership meeting.
2. Chairman Roberson reported that she received a letter from Mr. Schroeder who owns a one-acre property east of Spencer, north of First Street. He stated that he has applied for a building permit to build a large entrance for the farm. The issue is complicated by the annexation of some of the property by the City of Newton. The application was therefore forwarded to the City. John Waltner will contact Mr. Schroeder.
3. The Commissioners received information on the LEPP transition plan.
4. Commissioner Westfall, as a member of the REAP Executive Committee, attended a legislative lunch meeting in Topeka last Wednesday with about 25 of the South Central Kansas legislators. REAP encouraged the legislators to continue the affordable air fares program for at least another year.
5. Chairman Roberson reported that at the REAP meeting this morning, communities who have businesses who have benefited from the affordable air fares program were encouraged to send letters of support to their legislators.
6. Redistricting of the Commission districts will be placed on the agenda for next week's meeting.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall and John Waltner will meet at 7:00 a.m. with the President and another member of Farm Bureau to discuss the REAP sustainability grant and clarify some issues that have arisen.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel, John Waltner, and Jim Meier, Superintendent of Road & Bridge, will attend a meeting of the Eagle Drainage District to be held on February 27th at 7:00 p.m. in Bentley.
3. Chairman Roberson and John Waltner will attend a meeting on Wednesday, February 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Prairie View to discuss the transition of Health Ministries.

4. Commissioner Westfall will attend the Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting on Friday, February 17th.
5. The KLP Development Authority meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 24th.
6. The canvass of the November Presidential Election will be held on November 12th, which is Veteran's Day.
7. The CEO and the CFO for IMMI, the new company that has located in Burrton, will be at the Burrton Commission meeting on Monday, February 20th and would like to meet the County Commissioners at that time.

Minutes of the February 6, 2012 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Chairman Roberson. Motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Westfall abstaining from the vote because he was not in attendance at that meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Lloyd Stoddard, Park Director at West Park, reported that there were 5,644 boy scouts that registered and paid at the boy scout jamboree held at the Park a couple of weeks ago. There were many additional attendees that were not registered.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he went to the Transfer Station and viewed the delivery of the refurbished Caterpillar 1998 dozer that was rebuilt. There is now a three year, 5,000 hour warranty on the dozer.
3. Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, and John met with Jim Spencer and another employee of Waste Connections to discuss the agreement for the operation of the recycling center. Counselor Greg Nye has drawn a draft of a new agreement and it was sent to Don Rogers of Waste Connections for his review. It will then be presented to the Commission for final approval.
4. The Commission received a recommendation for the appointment of Megan Kelley to the RSVP Advisory Board. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to accept the recommendation and appoint Ms. Kelley, waive the one week waiting period, and authorize the Chairman to sign the appointment. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Rich Hanley, Director of the Department on Aging, reported that there are still two vacancies on the board that he is trying to fill.
5. Although the Commission received a recommendation for an appointment of a trustee for Sedgwick Township, the Commission will not make an appointment until the Commissioners have talked to the remaining two township officers. The former trustee moved out of the township thereby vacating the trustee office. The appointment will be an agenda item at the next Commission meeting.
6. Jim Meier presented a request for approval of a bid request to purchase signage materials to proceed with a replacement signage program for the County. Signs for all county roads and township roads will be purchased, with the cost of the township signage being split equally between the County and the townships. There are 608 signs to be purchased. The bid requests will be sent to three

vendors. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the invitation to bidders, changing the receipt deadline of the bid from Tuesday, February 21 to Friday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel asked if the townships have budgeted for their portion of the cost of the signs. This issue will be discussed at the Township meeting this evening, and if there are funding issues, the sign replacement for the current year will be limited to only missing signs for that township. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

7. Courtney Becker, Director of 911 Communications, and Don Gruver, Assistant Director, presented an invitation to bidders for the purchase of portable and mobile radios and accessories in order to comply with narrow banding requirements. They have met with other departments that will be required to update their radios, the Parks Department, Road & Bridge, Solid Waste, and the Airport. The intention is to purchase all the radios at the same time to obtain better pricing. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the specifications for bidders. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
8. John reported that Harvey Siemens, who has helped Harvey County townships prepare their budgets for many years passed away last week. The Clerk's Office will be searching for someone to help the townships with their budgets this summer.
9. Roy Patton reported that they had another meeting with Waste Connections about trash pick up and recycling in rural Harvey County. Several changes have been made and it seems to be working the way it is supposed to comply with county recycling directives.
10. Sheriff T. Walton reported that there were several accidents this morning due to slick road conditions. The detention center population was 120 over the weekend. He also reported that \$102,000 was received in revenue for the Detention Center in the month of January. Bid requests for food for the Detention Center have been sent to three companies.

#### **CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$126,395.76 for the week of 2/09/12 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber presented the results of bids received for an employee compensation and classification study. After review of six proposals that were received, it is the recommendation of the Administration Office that Harvey County enter into a contract with the Austin Peters Group, Inc. of Overland Park to complete a compensation and classification study, including new or revamped job descriptions, for the amount of \$34,625. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the bid from the Austin Peters Group, Inc. to perform the study.

Anthony presented a proposed amendment to the county purchasing policy. After talking with department heads and evaluating how the current purchasing policy is working, he recommends raising the purchasing limit \$1,001 to \$2,001 before the department head is required to obtain bids, fill out a requisition, and obtain approval from the Administration Office. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the amendment to the purchasing policy. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall asked about a background check for potential township officers.

At 12:20 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 25 minutes to discuss economic development. Commissioner Westfall 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 12:45 a.m. with no action being taken. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize staff to continue to pay the county half of the verbal agreement contract for economic development consulting fees for Troy Carlsen and Associates through the month of April, 2012 and be in discussion with the EDC about contract requirements and other issues. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion. Commissioner Krehbiel expressed that he feels the county has been paying this fee for 18 months now with no more being done than was being done one year ago. Motion was passed on a vote of 2 ayes and one nay.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

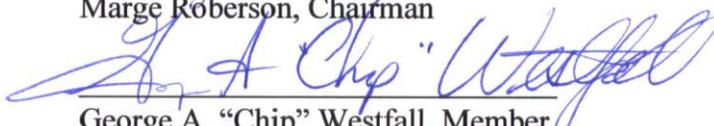
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ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
Marge Roberson, Chairman

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member