

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

**February 21, 2012**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on February 21, 2012 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. following a breakfast meeting with Farm Bureau.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Chairman Roberson reported that items discussed at the breakfast meeting with Farm Bureau included bridge repair and construction, low water bridges, water rights legislation, road impact fees, proposed legislation to discontinue state income tax and replace with property and sales taxes, the loss of Environmental Protection Plan funding, the REAP sustainability grant, and land use issues.
2. Commissioner Westfall informed the Commission that after further discussion with Ivan Knudsen, he has declined the opportunity to work with townships and fire districts preparing their budgets. He also asked if the employee newsletter could be added onto the website.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that he talked with Senator McGinn last night. She said there is an option for redistricting that would split the 31st district in half in Harvey County along US Highway 50. The south half would stay with the 31st District and the North half would go with the Senate District north of here. There are 3 or 4 options for redistricting still being considered. Last weekend the state GOP convention passed a resolution to encourage the state government to do away with income tax and replace the revenue with property and sales taxes. The bill for this was circulated on Monday. However, the KAC and League of Municipalities are opposed to this, so it has stalled some. Some of the bills dealing with water rights are being hidden with oil and gas and fracking bills. Some of the bills would allow oil producers to double the amount of minerals or chemicals that can be applied to farm ground by oil producers. She has asked that that bill be delayed so amendments can be attached. All three legislators will be in Newton this weekend from 9 to 10:30 Saturday at Charlie's Restaurant.
4. Commissioner Westfall commended the employees from Road & Bridge who assisted a citizen changing a tire. He also asked if Road & Bridge had purchased new brine tanks. Jim Meier, Superintendant, said that brine tanks are located on the trucks for the new system, but they are not new.
5. Commissioner Roberson, John Waltner, and Jo Miller, Health Department Director, attended a meeting at Prairie View to discuss the collaboration for Prairie View, Health Ministries, and the Health Department. There continues to be a desire to locate all three entities in one location to better serve the community. They are searching for an adequate location and an executive director, and they are doing auditing. There have been several changes on the Health Ministries Board, of which Chairman Roberson is a new member. Jo

Miller gave a very good presentation on what the Health Department is doing and the advantages of the collaboration. The collaboration will greatly improve the chance of obtaining grant funding for a Community Health Center. Health Ministries had applied for this grant, but they did not receive it. However, the application can now be reconsidered because of newly released funds.

6. The Commissioners and John Waltner met last night with the CEO and CFO of IMMI, the newly located company in Burrton, John Roberts, Rodney Redinger, and Jim Heinecke, and Clark Kirk from the City of Burrton. The group expressed appreciation for the Commissioner's support in enabling the company to locate in Burrton.

#### **CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall will attend a REAP EDC meeting in Wichita on Thursday the 23rd.
2. There is a KCCA Conference in Lawrence on May 1, 2, and 3rd. John will reserve rooms for the Commissioners.

Minutes of the February 13, 2012 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. There will be a Kansas Logistics Park Development Authority meeting this Friday from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m.
2. The Eagle Drainage District will meet this Wednesday, February 27, at Bentley. They have requested that Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, attend. Commissioner Krehbiel will also attend.
3. John received a request from Reverend Bender to use the Courthouse lawn for a gathering for the National Day of Prayer.
4. Following a newspaper article on Saturday, about deficiencies in the Detention Center, John reported that there are currently a total of 119 inmates, 55 of whom are federal prisoners; 1 Department of Corrections prisoner; and 63 are Harvey County inmates.
5. Anthony Swartzendruber presented the unaudited financial reports for the year 2011. The fiscal year closed on January 31st and the auditor will be here March 5th and the audit report will hopefully be completed by the end of May or June. Anthony reviewed all budgeted funds, both revenues and expenditures. The County ended the year in a stable financial position, due to departmental expenditure reduction, a lower delinquency rate than budgeted, increased delinquent tax payments, and growth in sales tax revenue. Anthony will provide quarterly reports to the Commissioner through the year to keep them updated on the County's financial position.
6. Byron Warta reported that the governor will likely act on the water "use it or lose it" and water flex plan bill today.

7. Sheriff T. Walton informed the Commission that food bids for the Detention Center had been received from Ben E. Keith and Sysco. The estimate from Ben E. Keith was about \$80 per week less. It was determined that this bid process should occur once a year.
8. Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, presented a program for clothing recycling, Planet Aid, to the Commissioners. Roy reported that we throw away an average of 67 pounds of textiles per person per year. The Planet Aid program would include placing a collection box at the Courthouse and at the Recycling Center. Each box would hold about 300 pounds of clothing. The clothing is then sorted and about 20% is sold to vendors and the remaining 80% is provided to other organizations at no charge, or recycled into insulation, soundproofing, etc. Roy stated that this would not be a competition for Salvation Army etc. because they only take very good condition clothing. Planet Aid will take everything, even if it is spotted or torn. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the Director of Solid Waste to adopt the Planet Aid program and place a collection box at the Courthouse and the Recycling Center. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
9. Jim Meier presented an agreement with the BNSF Railroad to improve the crossing on SW Road, west of Camp Hawk four miles southwest of Newton. The improvements would include the installation of railway highway crossing signals, flashing lights, and gates. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion approve the agreement and give the Chairman the authority to sign. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

Tom Cowan, Sedgwick Township Trustee, has moved out of the township therefore causing a vacancy in that position. According to K.S.A. 25-1606, vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners. It has been recommended by the remaining two Township Board members that Ted Stein be appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Stein has stated that he would accept the appointment and has filed to run for the office in this year's elections. Joe Detweiler, Sedgwick Township Treasurer, attended the meeting. He stated that there has been a misunderstanding indicating that he and Darren Hughes, Township Clerk, were trying to remove Mr. Cowan from office. He clarified that this was not the case. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Ted Stein to the position of Sedgwick Township Trustee. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:15 a.m. Jim Meier opened bids received for traffic control items to replace signage throughout Harvey County. Bids received are as follows:

Newman Traffic Signs	\$20,607.89	30 to 45 days delivery time
Hall Signs	No Bid	
National Sign Co.	\$19,377.44	2 to 3 weeks delivery time

Commissioner Krehbiel made motion to accept the bid from National Sign Company pending the verification that all specifications are met. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

At 10:30 a.m. Courtney Becker, Director, and Don Gruver, Assistant Director of 911 Communications, opened bids for the purchase of portable and mobile radios and accessories in order to comply with narrow banding requirements. The bids received are as follows:

	<u>Sunflower</u>	<u>TBS</u>	<u>CDS Electronics</u>	<u>Washington Communications</u>	<u>KCOM Electronics</u>
11 Kenwood TK2170		\$4,257.00	3,291.97	5,239.00	3,636.71
15 Kenwood TK71980		7,935.00	6,819.15	8,521.50	7,539.00
21 Icom IC-5021	6,416.55	5,418.00	5,735.73	7,216.02	6,615.00
4 Kenwood TK2170 Battery		219.00	123.12	169.05	162.00
4 Leather Cases TK2170		148.00	212.96	161.00	180.00
6 KMC-9C Base Mics		192.00	176.82	341.00	234.00
Shipping	150.00	.00	90.00	.00	.00
Net Bid	\$6,566.55	\$18,169.00	\$16,449.75	\$21,647.57	\$18,366.71
Delivery	18 days	10-14 days	45 days or less	20 days	Up to 15days

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to award the contract for the purchase of radios and equipment to CDS Communications of Pratt for the low bid of \$16,449.75. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-7, altering the County Commissioner District boundaries. Darlington Township will move from Commission District #1 to Commission District #3 and Newton City Ward 1, Precinct 3 will move from Commission District #1 to Commission District #2. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$57,230.30 and hand written checks in the amount of \$9,356.25 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes to discuss proprietary matters. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, Joyce Truskett, Bill Hamm, and Weldon Epp. Executive session ended at 11:40 a.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

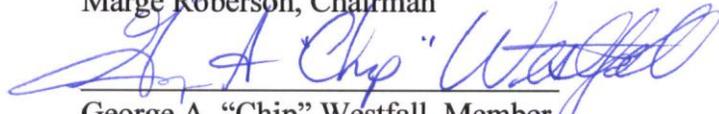
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Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
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Marge Roberson, Chairman

  
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George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

  
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Ron Krehbiel, Member