

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

**July 2, 2012**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 2, 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 continues to receive calls regarding the funding of the ENLITE program.
2. Commissioner Westfall stated that the news outlets are reporting that the Little Arkansas River is at the lowest level in 50 years.
3. Commissioner Roberson reported that the Chisholm Trail Parade last Saturday went very well and was well attended.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Roberson will attend a KCAMP retreat July 26 through 28.

Minutes of the June 25, 2012 regular Commission meeting and the June 30, 2012 special Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner informed the Commissioners that there is a family of seven that are living in a tent at East Park and have no employment or transportation. Kass Miller, East Park Supervisor, and John are addressing the situation.
2. Anthony Swartzendruber is preparing a policy on travel reimbursement for county employees. It will be presented to the Commission in a couple of weeks.
3. The Commissioners received for approval a sample letter to be sent to members of the Congressional delegation in support of extending the Production Tax Credit for wind energy. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the letter and Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the authorization for the overlay project as contracted with LaFarge Construction. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
5. John informed the Commission that Sedgwick County Commissioner Dave Unruh has asked him to serve as chairman of the Consortium Leadership Team, which is a part of the sustainability grant that was awarded through the REAP organization. The Commissioners approved of him serving in that capacity.
6. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to appoint Commissioner Roberson to fill the unexpired term of Dave Anderson on the Harvey County CDDO Governing Board. It was reported that the by-laws do not prevent her from being appointed

- even though it has been less than a year since her prior term on the CDDO Board was completed. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. Roy Patton, Director of Solid Waste, presented a change in the agreement between Harvey County and Reno County to haul solid waste to the Reno County Landfill indicating an increase in tipping fees of \$2.00 per ton, from \$29 per ton to \$31 per ton. All special waste that requires a permit will also be increased by \$2 per ton. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the changes to the agreement. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The fee adjustment is necessary because of the installation of a methane collection and monitoring system at the Reno County Landfill. The rate increase will take effect on January 1, 2013. Harvey County rates will also need to be adjusted.
  8. The Commissioners received a letter from the State of Kansas stating that the Appraiser's values are in compliance with state guidelines.
  9. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the Detention Center population hit 130 several times last week, which is the maximum capacity for the facility. He also reported that there are three detention officer positions open at this time. The Department has received an equipment grant for \$12,800. The money will be used to purchase thermal imaging equipment for sheriff vehicles.
  10. Anthony Swartzendruber presented information on sales tax collected during the second quarter. Sales tax collections for the month of June were down by 4.58%. The second quarter collections were up by .76%. Year to date collections are down about 4.6% from last year. The second 2% that is collected as local sales tax indicates that collections for the county were up 4% for the quarter and down 1.34% for the year. He also reported that he received a call from a representative of Petra Energy asking if the County Commission has made a decision as to whether to enter into lease agreements for mineral rights for some county property.
  11. Byron Warta reported that he talked to Kevin Timmermeyer, Airport Manager, and the FAA office in Kansas City is having difficulty discerning what the new laws are that have been passed by Congress. This affects when the Newton City/County Airport will receive the money for the airport runway project. The project has been approved and the money has been spoken for, but it has not yet been released.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

No items were discussed during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$40,949.51 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Stubbs, Director of the Caring Hands Humane Society, presented the 2013 budget request. The amount requested is \$8,605, which is the same amount requested for 2012. Mr. Stubbs is in the process of preparing an emergency plan to care for displaced animals in the event of a major disaster in the County. The Commissioners will take the request under advisement.

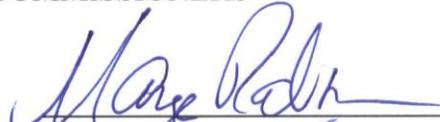
Gina Bell, Planning and Zoning Director, reported that National Flood Insurance Program reform passed both the House and Senate last week. KDHE has responded to a complaint about the salvage yard located near Walton on Hwy 50. They talked with the owner and have an agreement to clean up sections of the yard. It is estimated that it will take approximately a year to do the clean-up. Ms. Bell also reported that she attended an oil and gas symposium in Dodge City last week. Discussed at the conference was how counties need to prepare for the coming oil and gas boom as a result of fracking. The big push is expected to come in about 3 years.

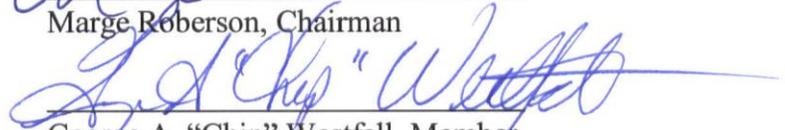
Jo Miller, Health Department Director, presented some updated information on how the new healthcare law will affect the people of Kansas. She will schedule a meeting with the Commissioners to explain the specific changes for persons in Harvey County and how the Health Department will meet the challenges of the changes.

Paula Downs, REAP Program Director, gave a power-point presentation regarding the Consortium Agreement for Sustainable Communities Coalition for South Central Kansas. The grant will enable the counties and communities involved to take a more regionalized approach to the development of infrastructure, housing, transportation, public safety, energy independence, and meeting the financial obligations. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the Consortium for Sustainable Communities Agreement. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Marge Roberson, Chairman

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

