

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 9, 2012

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 9, 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. Commissioner Westfall reported that he was at the cafe at Walton on Tuesday morning where there was discussion about ENLITE funding and the loss of LEPP funding.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the Little Arkansas River is completely dry and the water is not running over the dam at Halstead. Byron Warta stated that there is a possibility that the irrigators might be asked to shut down their irrigation for a certain percentage of time.
3. Chairman Roberson reported that Matt Schmidt is the new interim CEO of Health Ministries. Commissioner Krehbiel added that the grant they applied for has been approved. There are still some requirements that must be completed before the funding can be distributed.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Republican Party Ice Cream Social will be held at the Athletic Park Gazebo on July 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of the July 2, 2012 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The Commissioners received a copy of an e-mail from Mary Spires , RSVP Coordinator, praising Kelsi Morrison, who is a participant in a work training program working for several county departments.
2. The Commissioners received a copy of an article about the use of recycled asphalt shingles as a road paving material. The county is planning to use some of these materials in some projects this summer.
3. John Waltner reported that the Sand Creek Watershed District Board met last Thursday, but there was to be no discussion on the property that affects the watershed dam on NE 60th Street. Bill Hamm has agreed to inform the county of meetings where this issue will be discussed.
4. John reported that he talked to Curtis Reddington of the City of Wichita Air Quality Department, about the report of elevated ozone levels in the metropolitan

- statistical area a couple of weeks ago. He said that all monitors in the entire area indicated high readings.
5. John reported that Mark Denno and his wife had a new baby last week. Mark is an employee at the Road & Bridge Department.
 6. John received a phone call from Doug King of Quality Recycling in North Carolina. He stated that Quality Recycling is still interested in working with Harvey County as a possible site to install a rotating combustion system as waste-to-energy system. They are now installing some units in foreign countries in addition to a couple in the U.S.
 7. John reported that he received a phone call from Steve Heft of Heft and Sons Construction. They have agreed to re-seal seven miles of Hesston Road in an effort to correct the defective seal that was placed last summer. The original sealing project was 9 ½ miles and Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, will verify where the 7 miles starts and stops. The City of Hesston will not be included in the re-sealing.
 8. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that there is a significant pavement drop on NW 36th Street west of the bridge near 801.
 9. Sheriff Walton reported that the Detention Center hit the maximum occupancy three times last week, but is down to 126 now. He also reported that one of the new Chevy Tahoe vehicles hit a deer last week and is now in the shop. The Department received several fire calls last week.
 10. Jim Meier reported that the Road & Bridge Department is finished patching 10 miles of Halstead Road and are now beginning to patch at NW 12th and Meridian and will work west.
 11. Byron Warta reported that there was a great Experimental Aircraft show at the Airport last Saturday. There were more exhibits, more activities, and more attendees. There will be an acrobatic air show on the third Saturday in September.
 12. Anthony Swartzendruber gave the Commissioners a copy of a report on outstanding debt for the County as of the end of December, 2011. The report indicates where the county stands in relation to the debt limit which is 3% of the assessed valuation of the county. Also included was a list of outstanding GO bonds and the payout per year.
 13. Jo Miller, Health Department Director, gave the Commissioners information on some grants that the Health Department will be making application for. Included is a Community Transformation Grant through the CDC, which will focus on health, physical, and nutrition for residents of Harvey County. The amount of the grant is \$100,000 per year for two years. There is also a United Methodist Health Ministries Fund Grant for preventive services for early childhood development which is a \$200,000 grant for 2 years.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Marianne Eichelberger, Director of Newton Public Library, attended the meeting to clear up some possible misconceptions and answer questions about the ENLITE Program. She stated that the Council on Aging was not involved in the decision to reduce the funding for

the ENLITE program by \$10,000 and instead increase funding for respite care by \$10,000. John clarified that the Council on Aging met and submitted their request for funding. Rich Hanley and John then met on Friday before the budget was presented at the Commission meeting on Monday to discuss the Department on Aging budget. Discussion was held on identifying standards and funding for those standards. At the top of the list of standards were those things that would enable folks to stay in their own homes longer. It was at that point that the decision was made to propose a change in funding, so the recommendation actually came from the Department, not the Council on Aging. Marianne stated that the ENLITE program is an effort to encourage mental stimulation and keep folks as active as possible to improve their quality of life. The program, which began in Harvey County in 1975, provides large print books to adults of the county over 60 years of age. Senior mill levy funds have been used to purchase the books and to provide wages for two ENLITE aides, which average 8 hours per week. Ms. Eichelberger also presented a copy of the application the Library presents for funding for the program. The library does not receive funding specifically for the program from any other source. Because they do not pay taxes that support the program, the Commission asked if there could possibly be any funding help from care homes who have residents that benefit from the program. Ms. Eichelberger thanked the Commission for their past support of the program.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$92,181.67 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Jan Jones, Director of Domestic Violence, and Brad Schmidt, Director of Adult Residential Services at Prairie View, presented the Emergency Solutions Grant, which provides funding for emergency shelter. The grant was titled the Emergency Shelter Grant last year and has helped the Safe House in providing funding for utilities, supplies, direct aid, and rent for families that were homeless related to domestic violence. There are some changes that have been made in the grant and therefore application for the grant will be made jointly with Prairie View. James Chiselom, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program Manager for the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, recommended the partnership with Prairie View, which would enable a stronger funding source for Harvey County. Although the Safe House and Prairie View will use the funds in a different manner, it is important that the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation not receive grant requests from more than one group in a county because that would mean the groups would compete against each other for the funding. Prairie View plans to help five households in Harvey County move out of homelessness by providing household management skills such as budget management, job application skills, etc. Jan reported that there has been a 64% increase in the need for beds at the Safe House in the last 12 months and the grant will help provide the needs there in addition to direct aid for families. The grant will be distributed through the County and covers a period of 18 months. The Safe House portion would be approximately \$50,000 and the Prairie View portion would be somewhere between \$50,000 and \$80,000. The application for the grant will be presented to the Commission next week.

Shannon Metz, West Park Supervisor, presented proposals for the completion of seven new camping pads at the Park. The costs are as follows:

KG&E to set a larger pole, transformer, and a meter can	\$5,221.52
County Electrical to place the boxes, main shutoff, wire and miscellaneous conduit	\$5,200 to \$5,500
Fire rings and concrete for picnic pads	\$3,200
Picnic Tables, refurbished	-0-
Material to build up the table area	Unknown

It was reported that there would be \$3,000 to \$4,000 in the drug and alcohol fund that could be used for these expenses. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion authorizing staff to proceed with the completion of the camping pads. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Shannon also presented the estimates for the remodel of the residence located at West Park. They are as follows:

Propane tank and hook up	No Charge
Annual rent for Propane tank	\$ 72.00
Duplex electrical can and wire	\$ 591.45
Residence remodel	\$2,195.00

The Commission authorized staff to proceed with the upgrades.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

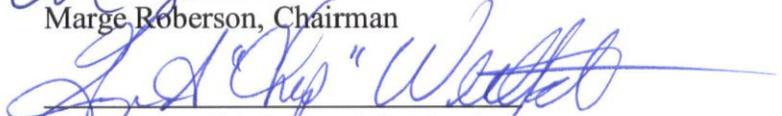
The meeting reconvened at 1:17 p.m. Becky Crowder, Representative from Austin Peters Inc., presented the Commissioners with the results of the job classification and compensation study. A new employee pay plan has been developed for implementation on January 1, 2013. The plan covers 168 employees and will cost \$269,871 to implement. Employees will receive notification of the new pay scale findings this week.

Anthony Swartzendruber presented the proposed 2013 county budget, including the proposed five-year capital improvement plan. The budget work session will be held on July 17, the notice of publication will need to be adopted on July 23, the public budget hearing will be held on August 6, and the formal adoption of the budget will take place on August 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Marge Roberson, Chairman


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk


Ron Krehbiel, Member

