

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

**July 16, 2012**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on July 16, 2012 with Commissioners Roberson and Westfall present. Commissioner Krehbiel was absent. Commissioner Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Roberson gave a report on the Public Private Partnership meeting that she attended last Friday. The collaboration of Prairie View, Health Ministries, and the Harvey County Health Department was discussed. The City of Newton is beginning to prepare for the National Amateur Golf Tournament that will be held at Sand Creek Station in 2014. North Newton will hold their annual Watermelon Festival on August 14. Reorganization of the USD 373 School Board will take place on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Martin Hawver is the speaker at the Chamber Legislative session on July 18 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.
2. Commissioner Westfall asked about the final date to register to vote before the August 7 Primary Election. Joyce Truskett, County Election Officer, stated that the deadline to register is July 17. Voters can change their party affiliation at the polls only if they are an unaffiliated voter. They cannot change from Democrat to Republican or Republican to Democrat at the polls.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

No new calendar items were presented.

Minutes of the July 9, 2012 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Chairman Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Chairman Roberson reported that Commissioner Krehbiel had cataract surgery last week and is not able to attend the meeting today because he is at a Doctor's appointment.
2. Willis Heck, Harvey County Representative to the Highway 50 Organization, presented information to the Commissioners from Economic Lifelines, a statewide coalition of organizations and community groups which provide grassroots support for comprehensive transportation programs in Kansas. This organization gave recognition to certain legislators that are pro-jobs/transportation. Also included in the information is a list of the T-Works modernization and expansion projects for the South Central Kansas region, the project construction costs, economic impact, and let year.

3. John Waltner said that both he and the Road and Bridge Department had checked the intersection of NW 36th Street and County Road 801. Commissioner Krehbiel reported a problem with the road there at last week's Commission meeting. No problems were found there.
4. Last Wednesday and Thursday, Brandon Mann from KCAMP conducted two defensive driving classes for County employees. There were approximately 40 employees that attended. The classes are provided by KCAMP at no charge.
5. Heft & Sons Construction will begin the re-sealing on Hesston Road on Tuesday of this week. It is expected to be completed on Wednesday. The road was originally sealed last year, but the sealing was defective. The road will be resealed from the location of Prestressed Concrete north to the bridge just south of Hesston and then from Dutch Avenue north to the county line.
6. Riverpoint Church, located on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Main Street just south of the Courthouse, has asked permission to close 7<sup>th</sup> Street and also use a portion of the courthouse lawn for a special event to be held on either the 22<sup>nd</sup> or the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. Although permission has been granted, no banners advertising the event can be placed on the Courthouse property.
7. A Department Head meeting was held last week and Becky Crowder from Austin Peters and Associates explained the newly developed employee wage scale and classification system. Individual letters for all employees were distributed to Department Heads. The project was received relatively well and has been a positive experience for the County so far. There have been some questions and Ms. Crowder and her associates are following up on those.
8. The Commissioners received a recommendation for the reappointment of Marjorie Gundy to a three year term on the Harvey County Council on Aging. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the reappointment and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> week reading. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
9. The Commissioners received a recommendation for the reappointment of Eunice Banning to a three year term on the Harvey County Council on Aging. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the reappointment and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> week reading. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
10. The Commissioners received a recommendation for the appointment of Ella G. Kogl to a three year term on the RSVP Advisory Board. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the appointment and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> week reading. The term will end on June 30, 2015. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
11. Sheriff T. Walton reported that negotiations before Judge Anderson began on Friday for property forfeiture in a meth case. He also reported that there was a death at East Lake on Saturday. A 60 year old man fell and hit his head on a concrete parking stop or he suffered either a stroke or heart attack before he fell. An autopsy is being performed today. He also reported that a wreck occurred on

- Highway 50 last week and another wreck occurred on Grace Hill Road and 125<sup>th</sup> Street. There were injuries in both, but no deaths.
12. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that one of the employees was trimming trees on SW 48<sup>th</sup> and Kansas when a tree fell onto the cab of the excavator and broke the glass on the cab. There were no serious injuries. He also reported that the re-decking of the bridge on 60<sup>th</sup> just east of Emma Creek began today. The road will be closed from Ridge to Emma Creek for about 10 days. Jim has been in contact with a contractor from Nebraska who contracts with Marion County to do their road striping. He received a quote of \$12,686 to do fifteen miles for Harvey County at the same time they do striping for Marion County in September. The Road and Bridge Department did their own striping last year for a cost of \$24,000, but there were more miles of striping. The Commission directed him to obtain bids per county policy. Commissioner Westfall made a motion for Jim to prepare the necessary documents to obtain the required bids for expenditures exceeding \$10,000. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
13. Counselor Greg Nye inquired as to whether anyone from the City of Newton would be attending today for the approval of the Airport Runway Memorandum of Agreement. Kevin Timmermeyer, Airport Manager, is expected to attend.
14. Byron Warta reported that he received the latest drought update from the Kansas Water Authority. It is predicted that there will be no significant rain in this area between now and September and the temperatures expected to be higher than normal. Mr. Warta also reported that there is a good possibility that the annual State Water Authority meeting will be held in Newton in May of 2013. There will be an expected attendance of 90 to 135 people.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$94,494.68 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Chairman Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:56 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters. 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 10:05 a.m. with no action being taken.

After a short break, Jim Meier reported that he sent out bid requests for an on board loader scale. Requests were sent to six companies and only two bids were received. Bids are as follows:

Foley Tractor	\$12,740.00 including freight	Delivery 14 to 30 days
Ascorel, USA	7,191.00 including freight	Delivery 5 days

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the low bid of \$7,191.00 for the purchase of an on board loader scale. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Larry Sharp, KCAMP Insurance Representative, reported that the loss ratio for Harvey County for the year of 2011 were 28.06%, which is an improvement from 2010. He encouraged the county to make use of risk management classes in an effort to reduce the amount of claims incurred from avoidable incidents as opposed to casualty claims which are acts of God. The county receives \$2,000 from KCAMP for claims management programs. The ratio of property and casualty claims to liability claims in Harvey County was 8 to 1.

Kass Miller, East Park Supervisor, reported on the incident that occurred over the weekend at East Park. A man was walking on the road and either had a heart attack or a stroke and then fell and hit his head. A paramedic that was at the swimming beach at the time of the incident administered CPR until the ambulance arrived, but the man passed away.

Kass presented an invitation to bidders to submit proposals for the purchase of a mower for Harvey County East Park. Although this is an unbudgeted expenditure, the mower that was used there is no longer functional. The bids are to be returned by August 3 at 5:00 p.m. They will be opened by the Commissioners on August 6 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the specifications for bids for a new mower at East Park. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Kevin Timmermeyer, Newton City/County Airport Manager, presented the Memorandum of Agreement for the Airport runway reconstruction project. The project will be funded by a grant that will pay either 90 or 95% of the cost. This agreement designates how the local 5 or 10% share of the costs will be paid by the City and the County. The project is scheduled to begin in August, subject to the finalization of the funding. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Newton. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2012-13**, authorizing and providing for the construction of improvements to the airport runway at the Newton City/County Airport and to issue bonds in excess of \$300,000. Chairman Roberson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



ATTEST:

Joyce Truskett  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Marge Roberson  
Marge Roberson, Chairman

G. A. Chip Westfall  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

Ron Krehbiel  
Ron Krehbiel, Member