

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 11, 2012

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 11, 2012 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. following the REAP meeting.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. John Waltner introduced a new employee, Kelsi Morrison and her job coach, Donna Carver. Kelsi is affiliated with Project Search and will be working this summer assisting various departments with scanning, filing, shredding, etc.
2. Commissioner Westfall commented that the trip to Atlanta to visit the Tindall Company and view the design prototype for wind tower bases was very beneficial. Commissioners Roberson and Krehbiel agreed that the trip was beneficial and very worthwhile. After visiting with the Tindall staff, Commissioner Roberson feels the company is a very good fit for this area and specifically the KLP. Commissioner Krehbiel expressed concern about the cost of construction and installation of the bases and the effect of the cost on their marketability.
3. Commissioner Roberson reported on what was discussed at the public private partnership meeting that she attended last week.
4. Commissioner Roberson reported that the Commissioners have received numerous e-mails and calls regarding the proposed budget recommendation from the Department on Aging to cut funding for the ENLITE program.
5. The Commissioners received information from Anthony Swartzendruber about the amount the County has spent on respite care for the past three budget years. Also included in the information was the amount of sales tax collected in the second one percent for 2010 and 2011. Anthony also provided the 2011 funding amounts for the EDC, debt service payment for the KLP project, and the contract with Initiatives, Inc.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. All three Commissioners will attend the Harvey/McPherson County Community Corrections meeting to be held on June 18 at 5:30 p.m. at 612 N. Christian Avenue in Moundridge.
2. The retirement reception for Sharon Arellano will be held on Tuesday, June 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Commissioner Roberson will present the retirement plaque. The grand opening for Kansas Electric will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 15.

Minutes of the June 4, 2012 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner reminded the Commissioners that the 7th Annual C.A.S.T. for Kids Fishing Event will be held at East Lake on Saturday, June 23.
2. Following the employee picnic last Sunday, the leftover food was taken to the SAFE House. The food was very much appreciated and the Commissioners received a thank-you note from the staff there.
3. The Commissioners received a copy of an e-mail from Randall Allen, Executive Director of the KAC, thanking Anthony Swartzendruber for leading a budgeting workshop for County Commissioners and staff.
4. Following the discussion held at last week's Commission meeting, John reported that he talked to Newton City Attorney, Bob Myers, regarding the contract with Initiatives, Inc. Items discussed were reports from Initiatives, invoicing, sharing of expense for the County and City, exclusivity, and provisions for some monies to come back to the County.
5. John reminded the Commission that a new appointment to the Public Building Commission will need to be made before June 30, 2012. The term of Byron Motter will expire at that time and he will not seek reappointment.
6. John Waltner, Counselor Greg Nye, Anthony Swartzendruber, Jim Meier, and Paul Ferguson held a conversation with Steve Heft regarding the defective resealing job on Hesston Road between Hesston and Newton. Mr. Heft assured them that he will be proposing a reasonable explanation soon.
7. Anthony reported that the 2011 audit is complete and has been received.
8. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent reported that repair work on the erosion problem at West Park will be completed some time today. He also reported that State Trooper, Greg Arnold, will make a presentation about legal load limits and CDL Licenses at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 14th. Transfer Station employees have also been invited to attend.
9. Counselor Greg Nye stated that the Indigent Defense Panel contract is up for renewal. Although the contract will remain basically the same, there are some proposed changes.
10. Greg will be attending continuing education classes on the next two Fridays.
11. Byron Warta stated that he very strongly supports the ENLITE reading program and would encourage the Commission to continue to fund the program. He also reported that all tenants at the Newton City/County Airport are well informed about the reconstruction of the runway that will begin in late summer or early fall.
12. Commissioner Roberson congratulated Commissioner Westfall on becoming the Chairman of the REAP Legislative Committee.
13. The Commissioners received notification that the county match for funding for the replacement of the runway at the Airport will be 5% as agreed to in the initial contract. Bond Counsel is researching whether the PBC is a viable option for funding this.
14. The Commissioners received additional maps of county-owned property that is being considered for mineral leases.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$93,568.86 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$5,635.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

Jessie Kaye, Executive Director of Prairie View, presented the proposed 2013 mental health budget. She gave a brief history of Prairie View, which was founded in 1954 with 17 staff, of which 13 were voluntary. Prairie View now employs 450 clinical staff members. She also gave many statistics on mental illness, substance abuse, and how poverty affects it. Discussion was held regarding the collaboration between Prairie View, Health Ministries, and the Harvey County Health Department, providing a community health network. The amount of the funding request for mental health is \$125,000 which is an increase of \$5,000. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Ms. Kaye also presented the proposed 2013 Health Ministries funding request. The amount requested is \$40,000. Health Ministries is a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike. The Commissioners received a graph which shows an increase in patients served from 904 in 2003 to 4,034 in 2011. The increase is attributed to the economy, changes in health insurance coverage, and the scope of services now offered at Health Ministries. A planning grant of \$80,000 was received in 2011 in addition to a private donation to assist in the purchase and conversion to an electronic practice management system. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Anthony Swartzendruber presented the proposed 2013 Treasurer's budget. The budget contains no capital outlay or supplemental requests. The Commissioners will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Anthony also presented the proposed 2013 budget for Courthouse General. The budget contains capital outlay requests for a phone system in the amount of \$31,000, replacement of the courthouse air handlers in the amount of \$55,000, replacement of the courthouse exterior doors in the amount of \$15,000, and a preliminary energy audit for the replacement of the entire heating and cooling system for the Courthouse in the amount of \$30,000. The Commissioners will take the budget under advisement.

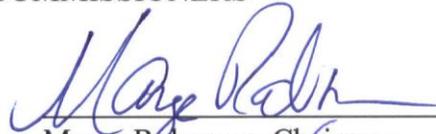
Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Executive Director of the Harvey County Economic Development Council, introduced EDC Board members Roger Ahrens, Ray Penner, Bill Hake, Joe Robb, and President Dennis LeFevre. Mr. LeFevre presented the proposed 2013 budget. Chairman Roberson asked if it is expected that the expenses of the EDC will be leveling out or if they are expected to continue to increase. Mr. LeFevre stated that the trend may continue but that alternative funding sources are being sought. However, those sources are limited. Commissioner Krehbiel pointed out that the EDC budget has increased by 11% for 2011, 20% for 2012, and 15%

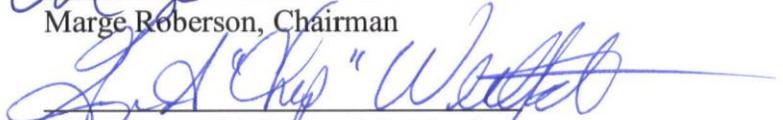
for 2013. In comparison, Harvey County employees received only a 1% raise last year. Commissioner Roberson stated that the cost of economic development has not been well communicated to the public. Joe Robb stated that the City of Newton and the County have a lot invested in the Kansas Logistics Park and now is not the time to back up, but rather to double down. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Susan Jackson, Scott Eckert, Rhonda Roux, Rick Schlender, and Gail Lanier attended the meeting to finalize the 2013 proposed budget for the Extension Council. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept the submitted budget for the Harvey County Extension Council and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Scott Eckert expressed appreciation for the Employee picnic held at West Park last week. The Commissioners were invited to attend the 4-H Supporter's picnic on July 24th.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Marge Roberson, Chairman


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk


Ron Krehbiel, Member

