

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

**June 18, 2012**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 18, 2012 with all three Commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. All of the Commissioners have received numerous letters, e-mails, and phone calls in opposition to reducing the funding for the ENLITE Program and using those funds for respite care. Commissioner Westfall inquired as to whether the Health Department had been able to locate any alternate funding sources available that could be used for respite care. Anthony reported that the Health Department and the Department on Aging are actively looking for funding sources.
2. Commissioner Westfall asked about the growth of the budget and if there was a good estimate yet. John stated that there are preliminary figures. Joyce Truskett, Clerk, reported that she received state assessed values last Friday and that valuations should be completed by sometime tomorrow.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel reported on the amount of revenue generated during the month of May by both Sumner County and the City of Mulvane from the new casino near there. He expressed disappointment that Harvey County was not promoted as a viable location for the casino. He also reported that he talked to Bob Nattier about the possibility of serving on the Board of the Public Building Commission. Formal action to appoint someone will be taken at the June 25<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.
4. Chairman Roberson stated that she also has received a number of contacts about the ENLITE program. She clarified that not all the funding for ENLITE is used for large print books. There are 2 part-time employees that coordinate the volunteer program. Anthony said that 1/3 of the funds go towards personnel and 2/3 of the funding goes towards books.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall will attend the REAP Legislative Committee meeting on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rail issues within the REAP region will be discussed. Randy Riggs, Newton City Manager will be one of the featured speakers.
2. Commissioner Westfall will attend a REAP Executive Committee meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at which time bids for Air Fares will be received and awarded.

Minutes of the June 11, 2012 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Rich Hanley, Director of Department on Aging, and Annette Graham, from CPAAA, presented the proposed Area Plan on Aging for Fiscal year 2013. Harvey County currently receives \$6,600 in funding for respite care from the Area Department on Aging. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the plan as presented and authorize it to be submitted to Sedgwick County for signatures. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. John reported that he talked with Steve Heft, the contractor who did the defective sealing job on Hesston Road last year. He has contacted his suppliers and is preparing a report and recommendation to try to remedy the problems with the road.
3. The Commissioners received a copy of several communications from Bill Hamm of the Sand Creek Watershed District Board, regarding the alteration of a levee on NE 60<sup>th</sup> Street. They have been in contact with the Department of Water Resources and The DWR has stated that they would not object to the levee being placed where it is proposed as long as it is appropriately designed. The Watershed wants to make absolutely certain that it is not responsible for any of the cost that might be involved with this. The DWR states that, with the house located where it is elevates the classification of the watershed dam to a “significant hazard dam.” The DWR wants to hold the watershed responsible for making sure all criteria are met with the construction of the levee, which calls for a 4-foot berm to be built, but the Watershed District wants the DWR to take responsibility. There is also some question about whether the roadway may need to be altered. Commissioner Westfall suggested that maybe a representative from Harvey County should be attending the SCWD meetings for a while. The result of changes being made on the dam could result in changes of all the liability, which could definitely affect the County.
4. The house at West Park is now vacant. A list of needed improvements has been made that will need to be completed before the house can be rented. Shannon Metz, West Park Supervisor, is looking into what it would take to put the electricity and propane on separate bills since both the house and the park are on the same meters.
5. Notice has been received from Diana Coggin, representative of Clean Line Energy, informing the Commission that an alternate route has been chosen for the proposed direct current line that will travel through Kansas to St. Louis. The line will not pass through Harvey County, but will take a more direct route crossing through either Northern Kansas or Nebraska.
6. Commissioner Krehbiel thanked Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Supervisor, for the work the Road & Bridge Department did at West Park rebuilding some of the camping pads.
7. Jim Meier presented a copy of a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers, who have inspected the dump site on SW 60<sup>th</sup> and verified that it has been cleaned up and no further action needs to be taken. He also presented a request for equipment to be sold on the Purple Wave Auction site. The equipment to be sold includes a

1995 Chevy 3500 Flat bed truck, a 300 gallon fuel tank w/trailer, and power broom replacement bristles. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2012-11** allowing the equipment to be sold on the Purple Wave on-line auction. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Jim reported that he received a call from King Construction asking if they could move a crane over the bridge on SW 14<sup>th</sup> over Sand Creek. The crane weighed 45 tons so it was not possible to move it across the bridge because of weight limits. Jim also presented a request to purchase an on-board scale and printer. The budget includes money for the purchase of a quick coupler attachment for the backhoe, but it has been decided that they have a greater need for the scale than the quick coupler. The scale will enable them to charge more accurately for salt sales. The deadline for bids to be received for the scales will be July 13 at 5:00 p.m. Bids will be received in the Administration Office. The bids will be opened at the Commission Meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the bid announcement to purchase an on-board scale and printer. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

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

Byron Warta, who is a former member of the state library board, said that the ENLITE program in Harvey County has been used as a successful model for other libraries across the state, and is a very worthwhile project. He also cautioned the Commission to be careful about doing anything different on the watershed dam because of liability changes that could affect the county.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$101,682.85 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners received a copy of a KAC research report which lists the assessed valuation, valuation per capita, county tax levies, levies per capita, and county mill levies for all 105 Kansas Counties. Harvey County has the lowest mill levy per capita of all the counties.

LDeena Jones, District Court Clerk, presented the proposed 2013 District Court budget. The budget includes capital outlay requests for data processing equipment in the amount of \$9,640 to accommodate e-tickets from the highway patrol, and \$1,000 for the purchase of a new printer. The Commission will take the budget under advisement.

John informed the Commissioners that there will be an increase in the tipping fees for the transfer of trash to the Reno County Landfill. The Reno County Landfill will be implementing a new methane monitoring and collection system and the increased tipping fees are a result of that expense. Harvey County will notify the cities in the County to inform them of this increase.

The Commission left at 10:45 a.m. to attend the Quad-County meeting in El Dorado at the El Dorado Correctional Facility.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:20 p.m. Denise Giersch, County Attorney Office Manager, presented the proposed 2013 budget for the County Attorney's Office. The budget includes an increase of \$2,150 in the line item for travel, and \$1,000 in the line item for dues and subscriptions. The office is currently engaging in a purge project to eliminate unnecessary storage files. The diversion budget includes \$7,000 in other purchased services, in comparison to \$50 for the 2012 year. The Commissioners will take the proposed budget under advisement.

The Commissioners received a copy of the final 2011 audit. Discussion was held about some of the issues that were noted by the auditor.

The budget work session will be held on July 17th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

absent  
Marge Roberson, Chairman

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

ATTEST:

Joyce Truskett  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

Ron Krehbiel  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

