

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

**June 25, 2012**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on June 25, 2012 with Commissioners Westfall and Krehbiel in attendance. Chairman Roberson was absent due to illness. Vice-Chairman Westfall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. The Commissioners will participate in the Chisholm Trail Parade to be held on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
2. Commissioner Westfall attended the C.A.S.T. fishing event held at East Lake last weekend. Approximately 30 children attended.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported on the REAP Legislative meeting he attended regarding rail issues in this region.

Minutes of the June 18, 2012 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. There will be no REAP meeting during the month of August.
2. There will be a meeting of the REAP Executive Committee on July 2 to discuss Affordable Air Fares.
3. Counselor Greg Nye asked that a brief executive session be added at the end of the Commission meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Steve Samuelson, Representative of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, presented a plaque to Harvey County for participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. Anthony Swartzendruber, Nadine Rees, and Gina Bell accepted the award. Participation in the program enables residents who obtain flood insurance to receive a 5% reduction in premium rates. Harvey County is one of only three counties in the state that have signed up to participate in the program.
2. The Commissioners received a copy of an article in the Hutchinson News, reporting that there are several Kansas counties where oil and gas producers are not obtaining the proper permits before they begin to prepare sites for drilling. The counties are therefore joining together to try to systematize the permitting process to attempt to make sure all the proper procedures are followed.
3. The Commissioners received a recommendation for the appointment of Bob Nattier to serve as a member of the Public Building Commission. Mr. Nattier has agreed to serve if appointed. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the appointment and waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

4. The Commissioners received a recommendation from Elizabeth Schmidt, Executive Director of the Harvey/Marion County CDDO, for the appointment of Commissioner Roberson to fulfill the unexpired term of Dave Anderson on the Harvey/Marion County CDDO Advisory Board. Since Commissioner Roberson is a former member of the board, the question was raised as to whether the by-laws of the CDDO require that she be off of the board a full calendar year before she is eligible for reappointment. Counselor Greg Nye will research the issue and report back to the Commission.
5. John Waltner reported that he talked with Bill Hamm, Sand Creek Watershed Board member, about the possibility of one of the Commissioners attending their board meetings. There is an issue regarding the alteration of a watershed dam on NE 60<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Hamm stated that the Watershed Board meets the first Thursday of every month and that the Commissioners are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Although the issue with that particular watershed dam will not be discussed at every meeting, he confirmed that the Board has agreed to notify the County Commission of any communication from the attorney that is advising the watershed board on that particular issue.
6. The Commissioners received information regarding the promotion of the continuation of the Production Tax Credit Program. This program would affect the development of the Kansas Logistics Program.
7. John Waltner reported that the Reno County Solid Waste Department will be making a recommendation to the Reno County Commissioners that the tipping fees be increased by \$2.00 per ton beginning on January 1, 2013. The fee increase will be necessary to help fund the mandatory installation of a methane collection system, estimated to cost between 1 million and 1.3 million.
8. The funding for the ENLITE Program continues to be a topic of discussion around the County. It was discussed during a meeting at the Newton Senior Center last Thursday. John attended the meeting and informed the attendees that the funding change was suggested in a budget discussion, but is not yet finalized. He told them that this is not a criticism of the effectiveness of the ENLITE program, but rather a suggestion of changing where funds are spent. He invited those that are concerned to attend the budget hearing where the funding will be finalized.
9. Commissioner Westfall reported that he talked with Sedgwick County Commissioner Unruh regarding the vote on the CPAAA Grant that will be voted on Wednesday. There is concern that some of the Commissioners would be absent that day and if the grant was not approved, the federal money would be lost.
10. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that there was some trouble at West Park a couple of weeks ago and the Sheriff's Department had therefore been requested to make some periodic patrols through the park. There have been no further incidents and he thanked Sheriff T. Walton for helping there.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

There were no citizens present for citizen's forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$110,720.01 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:52 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss attorney/client privilege. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. In addition to the commissioners, John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Joyce Truskett, and Counselor Greg Nye were in attendance for the session. Executive session ended at 10:02 a.m. with no action being taken.

Elizabeth Schmidt, Executive Director of the Harvey/Marion County CDDO, attended the meeting to present the proposed 2013 budget for the CDDO. She thanked the Commission for their support in passing a resolution opposing the proposed Medicaid reform in the State of Kansas. There were several counties who followed suit in passing a resolution which ultimately resulted in the Governor delaying the decision for one year. Commissioner Westfall thanked Ms. Schmidt for the good work she does with the CDDO. The Commission will take the request under advisement.

The Commissioners received a request from the Humane Society for a 2013 budget allocation of \$8,605. This amount is unchanged from the 2011 requested amount.

Debbie Koerner, representing the Harvey County Conservation District, presented the proposed 2013 budget request for the District. Gay Spencer, representative of the Natural Resources Conservation District, also assisted. Ms. Koerner said that all funds requested from the County will go toward operating expenses. Ms. Spencer said that the state matches the funds received from the County. The District administers a cost-share program that is funded by the state, makes educational presentations and provides programs for schools, and holds no-till conferences. They also have 2 no-till grass drills that they rent out. The Commission will take the budget request under advisement.

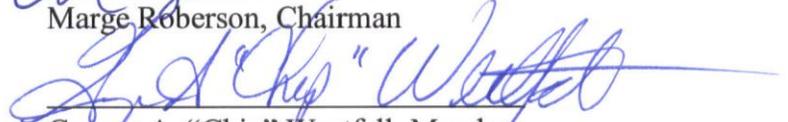
Rich Denno presented the 2013 proposed budget for the Harvey County Free Fair. The amount requested is \$25,000, which is unchanged from the 2011 request. The 2012 Fair will be August 3rd through the 7th.

Anthony reported that all budget presentations have now been heard by the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Marge Roberson, Chairman

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

