

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 14, 2012

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on May 14, 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 the work on Walton Avenue, which is the road leading to the Walton Industrial Park is almost complete and has significantly improved the road. The Road and Bridge Department assisted the City of Walton with the upgrade.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he noticed that the Little Arkansas River is very low, almost dry, which is unusual for this time of year and he is very concerned. Byron Warta responded that Harvey County is approximately 4 1/2" below normal for annual rainfall.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The annual fundraiser auction and meal to benefit Health Ministries will be held June 9 at Faith Mennonite Church.
2. The EDC banquet will be held June 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Park Community Building.
3. The Commissioners will attend lunch at the Harvey County Historical Society following the Commission meeting on June 4th. They will then leave later in the day to fly to Atlanta to view the Tindall Corporation wind tower prototype. They will return on Tuesday, June 5th.

Minutes of the May 7, 2012 Commission meeting were corrected and approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Elizabeth Schmidt, Executive Director of the Harvey/Marion County Community Developmentally Disabled Organization, addressed the Commission regarding an appointment to fill an open position on the CDDO Board. On May 7, the Commissioners heard the first reading for the appointment of Barbara Bunting to the Board. Action on the appointment was deferred to the next meeting. The Marion County Board of Commissioners also heard the first reading at their meeting on May 7 and confirmed the appointment of Ms. Bunting. The first reading for the appointment of Marjorie Warta to the CDDO Board was heard by the Harvey County Commission. The Commission discussed the importance of a quorum being present at the CDDO Board meetings in addition to the importance

of involving many different individuals in governance in the County.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the appointment of Marjorie Warta to fill the vacated position of Beverly Metcalf on the CDDO Board.

Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The Marion County Board of Commissioners will be notified of the action taken by the Harvey County Commission.

2. John Waltner addressed a question raised during last week's Commission meeting with regard to how many hours of spraying it takes to fulfill the annual contract with KDOT to spray for noxious weeds. There is no set amount, but the cost of the equipment and labor over the last couple years has ranged from \$1,600 to \$2,800. The average hourly rate is approximately \$70.
3. John reported that he participated in a conference call last week with Anthony Swartzendruber, Roy Patton, and Craig Simons, representatives from Harvey County; and Bert Bennett, Jon Orr, and Trevor Hinz, representatives from ICM. ICM representatives gave an update on the gasifier project located at the old Harvey County Landfill. The greatest concern with the project has been financing, but it is now reported that financing sources that have an interest in the project have been located. There continues to be concern about the availability of water sources to supply water for the gasifier. Until those issues are resolved, there will not be any discussions held with Westar. Harvey County would provide space for the gasifier and a processing facility.
4. John reported that a letter has been sent to Heft and Sons and their bond attorney to attempt to rectify the sub-standard sealing job on Hesston Road between Hesston and Newton. The job was completed last fall. The letter contained a response deadline of May 17.
5. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent, reported that the department continues to do some road patching. They also cut down a tree on West 1st near the bridge over the Little Arkansas River. He reported that the excavator will be repaired in June, which is very expensive, but there is funding in the budget for it.
6. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the Detention Center population is currently 125. One of the deputies went to Walton to monitor speeding on Highway 50 through the City. In just a couple of hours, he wrote tickets worth \$1,000. Sheriff Walton will be meeting with the Governor on Friday to discuss federal funds for children's programs. The Department has made a grant application for three cameras for sheriff's vehicles and equipment for the Detention Center. The grant does not require a county match.
7. Byron Warta reported that Avcon, a business located at the Newton City/County Airport, lost all of their electrical power one day last week. Butler Rural Electric was contacted and some new lines had to be trenched and aluminum wiring replaced. He also reported that the City of Newton is assembling paperwork to attempt to remove a jet that is parked at the airport.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

There were no citizens present for citizen's forum.

With the exception of a check in the amount of \$128.63 that will be voided and reissued, warrant checks in the amount of \$87,910.21, were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, and seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Swartzendruber explained the budget process for the 2013 budget year. All Departments have submitted their proposed budgets at this time. The Department Heads will then meet with John and Anthony to discuss the budget and make needed changes. The personnel figures proposed within the budgets are not final, pending the results from the classification and compensation study. Department Heads have been asked to keep the budget requests flat in comparison to the 2012 budgets and a supplemental request form is required if the budget exceeds that amount.

Lon Buller, Emergency Management Director, presented the proposed 2013 budget for the Emergency Management Department. The budget includes a request for the installation of smart boards and associated technical equipment in the Law Enforcement Center Training Room. This would enhance EOC operations during a disaster and also simplify training classes and presentations. Also included in the proposed budget are a request for a new four-wheel drive vehicle and a request for another full-time assistant Emergency Management Director. The Department currently shares an employee from the Health Department who works 16 hours per week for Emergency Management. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

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

At 1:00 p.m. Bob Cheney, Noxious Weed Director, presented the proposed 2013 Noxious Weed budget. Included in the budget is a request for two new computers, a new copier, and a Bestway Spray Tank. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

Gina Bell, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented the proposed 2013 Planning & Zoning budget. In prior years, the Planning & Zoning budget was separate from the Environmental budget. Beginning in 2013, the two departments will be budgeted together in one budget. The Department has been working to scan many of the records to reduce the amount of needed storage space. The most significant change in the proposed budget is to make sure that the mileage, meals, and etc. are included. The budget includes a recording device to record the Planning Commission meetings. Also included are a new copier and computer. Ms. Bell discussed the make up of the Planning Commission and suggested that the number of people on the Commission could be reduced. The Commission will take the proposed budget under advisement.

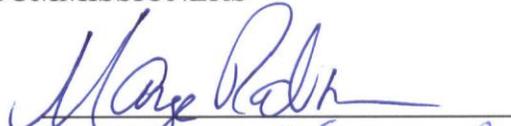
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk, presented the proposed 2013 budget for the County Clerk and Elections. The budget includes a request for two computers and one office chair. Discussion was also held regarding the possibility of a permanent wall between the Clerk and Treasurer's Office or reorganization of the office space. The budget will be taken under advisement.

John reported that Marion County had just called and will contact Elizabeth Schmidt this afternoon regarding the CDDO Board appointment.

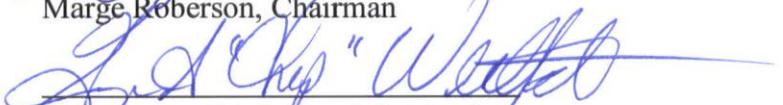
John reported that he called Randall Allen from KAC about the difficulty with the implementation of the new MOVRS motor vehicle system. A conference call will be arranged with John, Department of Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan, Becky Fields, and other County Treasurers. There is very little help from the state as to how to function within the system.

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

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Marge Roberson, Chairman



George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member



Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

