

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 5, 2012

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on November 5, 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 Krehbiel stated that he believes that \$800 per month for the rental of the former ranger residence at West Park is too much. However, it is reported that there is a potential renter that seems to be willing to pay that amount.
2. Commissioner Westfall asked if a date has been set for the annual employee Christmas luncheon. The luncheon is scheduled for Monday, December 3rd.
3. Commissioner Westfall relayed information from the REAP meeting this morning regarding the Kansas Star Casino. They are planning to move from the temporary facility to the permanent facility in December. The motel built in conjunction with the casino opened six days ago. Although Harvey County was the first County to approve the construction of a casino by public vote, the local legislators did not support it. The 1% county revenue received by Sumner County from the opening date to July of 2012 was \$1,138,723. Sedgwick County also receives that amount.
4. Commissioner Westfall also reported that this region is experiencing air pollution problems again and is not in compliance with federal standards. Weather is one factor that affects this issue in addition to automobile emissions. A group from the Metropolitan Statistical Area is forming to try to get citizen involvement in reducing the pollution. Harvey County will have a representative involved with this group. Other counties included with the MSA group are Saline, Butler, Reno, and Cowley.
5. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that there are more layoffs occurring at Siemens Manufacturing in Hutchinson and ICM.
6. Commissioner Westfall reminded everyone to go to the polls and vote tomorrow.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. All three Commissioners will attend the 4-H banquet on November 10th.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel and spouse will attend the Safe House banquet on November 9th.
3. A meeting of the Kansas Logistics Park Development Authority will be held November 6th at 9:00 a.m. at Newton City Hall.
4. The canvass of the election will be held on Monday, November 12 at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes of the October 29, 2012 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. John Waltner reported that he received a phone call from Ryan Goering, who is the Chief Financial Officer for Schowalter Villa. He reported that the merger with Kidron Bethel has been completed. They will be refinancing some of their debt and are requesting that Harvey County be the signing entity for the bonds. The liability for the debt will be the sole responsibility of Schowalter Villa.
2. John reported that there might be a possibility of the reconfiguration of Work Force Area 1. Mickey Fornaro-Dean and the executive director of the Work Force will attend the Commission meeting on November 19 to discuss this further.
3. A meeting of the Consortium Leadership Team will be held on Thursday, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Wichita Chamber Office.
4. The Commission Chairman signed the Emergency Solutions Grant notification of award. The amount of the grant award is \$111,550.00.
5. Sheriff T. Walton reported that the County may receive approximately 40 acres from a meth lab forfeiture. He also reported that Karen Robb is now home from the hospital and is doing much better. She expects to return to work next week. He also stated that there were 28 accidents reported last month, many of which were vehicle versus deer crashes. Jim Meier stated that the months of May and November are typically the months where the highest number of deer accidents is reported. He also reported that there are 26 head of cattle that are not being fed that the Sheriff's office is trying to help with.
6. Counselor Greg Nye reported that he is in the process of preparing 13 Sheriff's deeds from the tax sale.
7. Byron Warta reported that he attended the Governor's Water Conference in Manhattan last week. The drought is affecting water tables and he stated that the water level of the equus beds could be down by as much as 2 1/2 feet.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$63,496.82 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

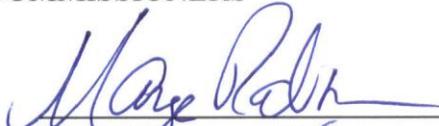
Lisa Bartel, Harvey County Wellness Coordinator, presented a preliminary draft of the components of the proposed Employee Wellness Program for 2013. The proposed program would enable employees to earn incentive points for participation in wellness activities. After an employee accumulates a certain amount of points they could qualify for a reduction in the cost of their health insurance premiums in 2014.

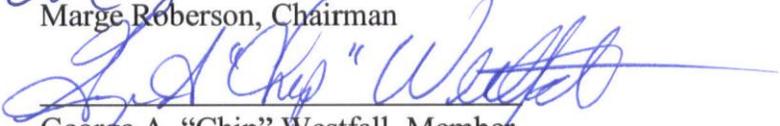
At 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss confidential information from our insurance carrier. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 12:00 p.m. with no action being taken.

Discussion was held regarding the newly elected state legislators. There will be a REAP Legislative session held at the Drury Inn in Wichita on December 13. Regional topics of importance will be discussed there. It is important to convey to the new legislators how funding has been cut for municipalities. There continues to be talk about reclassifying trade fixtures. They need to understand the repercussions of this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

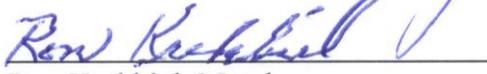
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Marge Roberson, Chairman


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk


Ron Krehbiel, Member

