

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

**November 26, 2012**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session November 26, 2012 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three Commissioners present.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that the USGS (United States Geological Survey) was checking the flow of the Little Arkansas River this past week. He talked to the representative and explained that the flow of the river where they were taking measurements was increased due to water being released from a sewage treatment facility south of McPherson.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that Kevin Pyle, who has been the Mayor of Halstead for the past fifteen years, has announced that he is not running for re-election.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. County Government Day will be held in Topeka on Thursday, January 24th, 2013. Commissioner Westfall encouraged the Commissioners to attend.
2. All three commissioners and spouses will attend the Planning & Zoning Commission annual appreciation dinner which will be held at the Unicorn Bakery & Coffee Shop on December 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the November 19th Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Steve McCloud and Rick Schlender, Board Members of the Harvey County Farm Bureau Association, read a letter to the Commissioners to commemorate National Farm-City Week, November 16 to November 22. National Farm-City Week celebrates the relationship between urban and rural residents. They expressed their appreciation for the support of the Commission in this farm/city partnership.
2. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve recommendations for the appointments of Rich Hanley and Susan Klock to the Harvey County Advisory Committee to Prairie View. These committee appointments are for the seats vacated by Sherri Buss-Rawlins and Ellen Samuelson. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
3. Rich Hanley, Director of the Department on Aging, and Karen Kaufman, Transportation Coordinator, presented the KDOT transportation assistance project grant for state fiscal year 2014. There are two changes in the grant application. One is that the insurance fees are increased and the other is salary increases. The county match required in the previous grant year was 80% and will increase to 85% for the

2014 grant year. The total match amount for the grant is \$7,100 more than the 2013 grant year. The grant year will run from July 1 of 2013 to June 30 of 2014. There are no anticipated changes in services. However, Herman Toews recently retired as a driver, which leaves only four drivers. The budget reflects five drivers or 800 hours. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize staff and Commissioners to sign the Application for Public Transportation Assistance for SFY 14 – (07/01/2013 – 06/30/2014). Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

4. Schowalter Villa, who recently merged with Kidron Bethel, is seeking to refinance bonds that were individually issued through the City of Hesston and the City of Newton. They have requested that the County be the IRB issuer for the new bonds. The County would bear no responsibility for the payment of the bonds, but would rather be the conduit entity. They will be sending documents this week, in anticipation of obtaining the bonds before the end of the year.
5. The Commissioners received two bond refinancing analyses from Piper Jaffray & Co. for the Harvey County Public Building Commission Revenue Bonds which were issued to purchase land for future fairgrounds development. One analysis represents the savings for refinancing the existing bonds with taxable bonds and the other represents the savings for refinancing with tax-exempt bonds. Piper Jaffray recommended that the county refinance the bonds early next year.
6. District Court has passed the order of Distribution for the recent tax sale. There is approximately \$16,500 being deposited in the general fund.
7. Byron Warta reported that there may be some additional expenses at the airport next year for some upgrades to one of the apron areas for one of the buildings there.

### **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

There were no items discussed during Citizen's Forum.

There were no warrant checks for approval.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2012-20**, requesting a waiver from GAAP reporting in the preparation of the Harvey County comprehensive financial statements and reports in accordance with K.S.A. 75-1120a(c)(1). Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2012-21**, to transfer funds from the Road & Bridge fund to the Special Highway Improvement fund. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

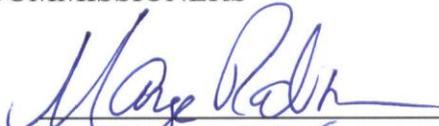
Anthony Swartzendruber presented **Resolution No. 2012-22**, designating the holidays for 2013. After discussion about the possibility of December 24th also being named as a holiday, Commissioner Westfall advised that the resolution be tabled until it is clear what the State designated holidays are.

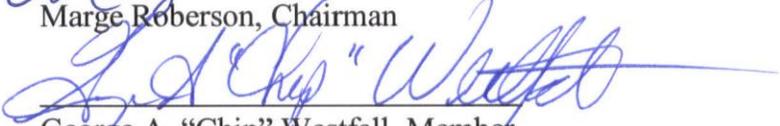
Gina Bell, Planning & Zoning Director, presented a request from Craig & Julie Miller for a conditional use permit to operate a Retreat/Campground on property located in the A-1 Agricultural zoning district. Although none of the proposed buildings are located in the flood plain, some of the picnic facilities are. The Commissioners asked that more specific information be obtained before approval of the request. Anthony suggested that the Millers come before the commission in the next two weeks to answer questions from the Commission.

Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Director of the Harvey County EDC, introduced Deb Scheibler, Director of Kansas Work Force Area 1, and Tucky Allen, Work Force Service Director and EDC employee. Ms. Schreiber explained the history and structure of each Kansas Work Force Division. There are five work force areas in the state of Kansas that receive federal funding. Each division must meet a certain level of population represented in order to be eligible to receive this funding. There are 62 counties represented in Work Force Area 1. Each of these counties signed an agreement in 1998 to participate in Area 1 and the Department of Commerce has requested that this agreement be renewed. Mr. Allen explained how the funds are used in training and recruitment of workers. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Work Force Local Area 1 letter of support. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

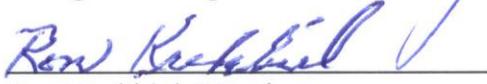
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