

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

**October 8, 2012**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 8, 2012 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he and John attended a meeting with ICM last week. ICM has completed testing on the gasifier and are now ready to proceed with building a facility as an addition onto the current Transfer Station site to begin processing solid waste. They have reached an agreement with Westar Energy to purchase the energy created by the gasifier. Harvey County will not be financially responsible for any of the costs associated with this project. Concerns about the gasifier that have been expressed by citizens have been passed on to ICM and they have made assurances that most all of the issues have been dealt with and that the impact of this operation will be minimal. Water usage and emissions are two of the concerns expressed, but the system uses minimal water and the emissions are also not an issue. This project is, in part, funded by a grant that requires that the project be generating electrons by the end of 2013.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that he attended a REAP meeting at the Sedgwick County Commission Room. One of the topics of discussion was the recent change in the system for the Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles. Sedgwick County Commissioner Jim Skelton is at the forefront of the challenge to the State of Kansas because of the significant difficulties associated with that changeover. He stated that if counties submit a copy of the overtime costs associated with the changeover, they will be reimbursed by the state. John reported that there continues to be issues with balancing in the new system. The projected start-up of the driver's license portion of the new system has been put on hold indefinitely.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that there was a car versus train accident near Highway 50 on NE 48<sup>th</sup> Street. There was one fatality.
4. Commissioner Roberson reported that all the Commissioners and John Waltner attended a round table discussion last week about "Emerging Trends." She was very impressed with the participants that were on the panel and with the information that was imparted. The message that came through was that the economy is recovering and money for businesses is available. However, they are waiting until after the election to move forward. The point was made that businesses that are using this time of waiting to prepare and get ready for their development will prosper quickly, but those who are not ready could lose ground. The continental transportation system is being shifted from an east west system to a north south system. It was stated that the three things that are most needed are transportation, food, and energy. This area is located at the center of all those needs.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that the Office of Senator Jerry Moran has asked the Commission to meet with them on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Bunting Magnetics.
2. A candidate's forum will be held on October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the October 1 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. Chairman Roberson signed the appointment of voting delegates for the KCAMP meeting to be held in November.
2. Applications are now being taken for the rental of the former ranger's house at West Park. The residence will be rented for \$800 per month, which will include water. The renter will not have any responsibility in the operations of the park.
3. Talks are continuing with Prairie View about the collaboration of the Health Department, Health Ministries, and Prairie View, with all three entities co-locating in one facility on South Pine. Staff responsibilities for each entity are being reviewed, and the staff of the Health Department will be able to tour the facility later this week. Commissioner Westfall asked for a copy of the report of the building inspection. A brief discussion was held regarding the use of the building currently occupied by the Health Department after they locate to the South Pine site.
4. The Commissioners received a copy of a letter from the Sand Creek Watershed Board. Counselor Greg Nye attended one of their board meetings and was involved in an executive session. He will provide a report to the Commissioners in an executive session.
5. Anthony Swartzendruber presented the 2013 renewal for KCAMP insurance which will require the signature of the Commission Chairman. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2013 KCAMP insurance renewal. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
6. In addition to the Sand Creek Watershed Board meeting, Counselor Greg Nye also attended a "Continuing Legal Education" meeting on Friday, October 5. Although the meeting was geared toward city counselors, because of the overlap between cities and counties, he received some very good information there.
7. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he received a complaint about Dutch Avenue approximately 1 ½ miles east of Halstead Road. There is a dip there and there was some patching done there that causes the dip to be more significant. Jim Meier, Road and Bridge Superintendent said that he is aware of the problem and has scheduled a time for the department to work on it.
8. Jim reported that Kansas Paving is now working on Dutch Avenue within the City of Hesston. The north lane approaching Ridge Road has now been excavated. He also reported that the new employees at Road & Bridge are being trained on all equipment. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that River Park Road was recently

graded and that there are now significant clumps of weeds on the road surface. Jim said he will check it out.

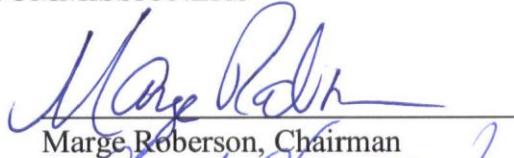
**CITIZEN'S FORUM**

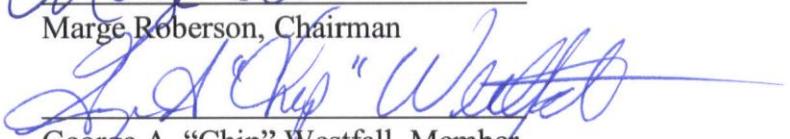
There were no items presented during citizen's forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$334,666.36 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$815.00 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Chairman Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 9:00 a.m. to attend the employee insurance meetings in the Courthouse Community Room. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

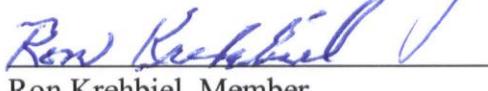
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Marge Roberson, Chairman

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

