

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 22, 2012

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 22, 2012 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Krehbiel reported that he attended the meeting of the Central Kansas Regional Solid Waste authority last week. There are no significant issues to report.
2. John Waltner requested an executive session following the 10:30 a.m. agenda item.
3. Commissioner Westfall reported that he camped out at West Park last weekend. While he was there he toured the former ranger's house and reports that they've done a good job fixing up the house for new renters.
4. Commissioner Westfall also reported that there were some incorrect county budget numbers stated by some of the commission candidates at the candidate's forum held on October 16th. He asked that the Kansan obtain the correct numbers and correct the misstatements.
5. Commissioner Roberson reported that there are some good articles in the latest Road & Bridge magazine that deals with road failure and the use of ground recycled glass in sub-bases for roads. She also referenced an article in the latest issue of the NACO News magazine regarding the way government is changing in a post-recession climate and the importance of collaboration and consolidation in government.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Westfall, as Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the REAP Organization, has been asked to present a report on Thursday, November 15 to the legislative budget committee at the state. The report will include the "Affordable Airfares" program in addition to any particular interests for south central Kansas in the upcoming legislative session.
2. The canvass of election will be held at 8:00 a.m. on November 12.

Minutes of the October 15, 2012 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Lynette Redington, Health Department Director, presented the revised KanCare contracts for the three contracting providers that have been selected by the State of Kansas. Marty Ross, the legal counsel for Kansas Local Health Departments has reviewed the contracts and then written summaries of suggested possible changes. The contracts and summaries of suggested changes were then reviewed by Lynette and Counselor Greg Nye. For the most part, the contractors have agreed with the suggested changes. Commissioner Roberson asked if the Harvey/Marion County

CDDO and other organizations that will be subject to the new KanCare system have been included in the ongoing discussions about the contracts. She would appreciate feedback from them as well. Lynette reported that the first meeting to discuss the information gathered for the community health assessment will be held in the Prairie View Auditorium tomorrow from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dr. John Leatherman with K-State Rural Health Works will be speaking. John Waltner reported that the process of Medicaid clients signing up with their chosen provider has already begun. This program will officially begin in January of 2013. Commissioner Westfall asked what the effect of a change of federal leadership, due to the election next month, would have on the implementation of this program. Counselor Nye stated that the State of Kansas is still in the process of obtaining federal approval, and once that happens, the process will continue to proceed. The expansion of Medicaid is what could change after the election. The relationship between Harvey County Health Department and the contracting providers will stay the same. Byron Warta quoted Steve Kelley, Director of the Newton Medical Center, stating that the State of Kansas is involved with the Medicaid system, as opposed to Medicare, which is a federal process. Newton Medical Center does not cite any problems with any of the three contract providers. The Commissioners will review the contracts and summaries provided.

2. John introduced Barbara Burns, representative of the City of Newton, and Romie Fischer, a Guatemalan participant with the City of Newton in a foreign exchange program.
3. A representative from Westar Energy stopped by last week to obtain a signed release from the County. Westar installed some new poles on property owned by the County on the south side of West First Street. The City of Newton had planted some trees there and when the poles were installed, those trees were damaged. Westar issued a check to Harvey County in the amount of \$1,200 to cover the damages. Since the trees were actually planted by the City of Newton, the County gave the money to them. The release was signed stating that there were no further damages.
4. John reminded the Commissioners that they are invited to participate in a conference call with Senator Jerry Moran this afternoon.
5. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendant, reported that he attended a KDOT meeting in Wichita two weeks ago with regard to the Federal Exchange Program. Jim said that we have received federal money in the past to complete some bridge replacements in the County. Money is allotted according to how many miles of road the County has. The money covered 80% of the projects and the County was responsible for the remaining 20%, with the projects being completed to standards set by federal requirements. However, the Kansas Department of Transportation believes that not all bridges need to be designed and built according to the same specifications, so Kansas offers a federal exchange program. This program requires that the County give the federal allotted money to the state who, in turn, exchanges the money at 90%. The county would then be able to use the money for the bridge replacements without having to comply with so many federal specifications that are not always necessary in every application. We currently have 2 bridges that are in

various stages of development that are on a list slated for federal money. If we choose to use the federal exchange program, there would be more flexibility in the design and construction of the bridges. However, the design would still be subject to the approval of a qualified engineer. Jim suggests that the two bridges be placed in the federal exchange program rather than the 80/20 program they are currently slated for. The County would accrue about \$350,000 per year which can be saved up if there is a specific plan and time schedule. Commissioner Westfall expressed skepticism about KDOT's commitment to counties and cities. Jim will set up another meeting with KDOT so the Commissioners can meet with them and discuss the program.

6. Anthony Swartzendruber updated the commission about the progress of the purchase of a replacement for the AS400 for the Data Processing Department. He reported that \$24,500 that was budgeted for the purchase of a new AS400 in 2011 in addition to other unused 2011 data processing funds was transferred into an equipment reserve fund at the end of the year. The equipment reserve fund now has a balance of \$38,500. A bid price of \$25,655 has been received from Thompson/Reuters to replace the AS400. The price includes three years of maintenance rather than the regular maintenance plan for one year. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to waive the purchasing policy regarding purchases over \$10,000 and accept the bid from Thompson/Reuters for the price of \$25,655.00. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
7. The County has received a tax abatement request from IMMI at Burrton. The hearing for the abatement will be held on November 5. Information will be given to the Commissioners in next week's meeting packet.
8. Sheriff T. Walton reported that there have been several vehicle versus deer accidents and advised everyone to be careful.
9. Byron said they had approval for 5% for runway match. Federal government didn't come through with the money. Picture is the most recent we have.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no items presented during Citizen's Forum.

Shannon Metz, West Park Supervisor, presented the lease agreement that has been drawn for the former ranger's residence located at West Park. She reported that the rental of the residence has been advertised and that several applications for the rental have been received. The lease is a month to month lease, which can be terminated if any problems are encountered. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to approve the lease agreement for the residence at West Park. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

John presented the proposed 2013 lease agreement with ResCare for the Commissioners to review. The suggested annual rental rate for the property located at 700 East 14th Street is \$21,000. The lessee will be required to pay the taxes. The maintenance and replacement of mechanical units such as air conditioners, et cetera will also be the responsibility of the lessee.

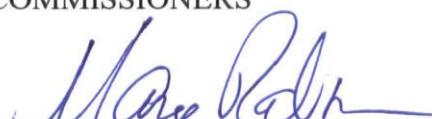
Anthony Swartzendruber presented the final draft of the proposed employee travel and expense policy. Changes discussed at last week's commission meeting have been included in the final draft. It is intended that, upon approval, the plan would be fully implemented by December 1, 2012. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the travel and expense polity as presented, dated October 22. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

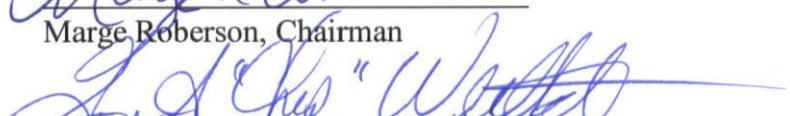
At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes to discuss confidential data of financial affairs and trade secrets and to discuss matters of attorney/client privilege. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Counselor Greg Nye, and Joyce Truskett. Executive session ended at 11:05 a.m. with no action being taken.

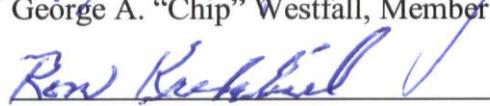
Warrant checks in the amount of \$275,902.79 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Commissioner Krehbiel. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Marge Roberson, Chairman


George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member


Ron Krehbiel, Member

ATTEST:


Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

