

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

**October 29, 2012**

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on October 29, 2012 with all three commissioners present. Chairman Roberson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Westfall reported that he received some calls about the road conditions on N. Woodlawn from US Highway 50 to NE 60th.
2. Commissioner Westfall also reported that he participated in a conference call with Senator Moran and representatives from other counties and cities. He stated that there was great participation and that he felt it was a very constructive meeting, informing the Senator of local concerns. He suggested similar meetings with other legislators.
3. Commissioner Krehbiel congratulated Susan Jackson on the award she recently received.

**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

1. The Harvey County Safehouse supper is on Nov. 9, Commissioner Krehbiel will be attending.
2. The Harvey County 4-H dinner is on Nov. 10, Commissioner Krehbiel will be attending.
3. The canvass of election will be held at 8:00 a.m. on November 12, following a short Commission meeting.

Minutes of the October 22, 2012 Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

1. John Waltner suggested that the hearing for the proposed IMMI tax abatement be postponed until more information is received from IMMI. The Commissioners agreed to the postponement.
2. John reminded the Commissioners that the KLPDA will meet on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Newton City Hall.
3. John also pointed out the information in their packets from the League of Kansas Municipalities about the Governor's proposed "property tax reform".
4. John and Gina Bell, Planning and Zoning Director met with Sandcreek Watershed officials and a KLA representative at the Holdeman property concerning the planned drainage improvements. The current plan was approved by the State, but the watershed wants KLA to make recommendations for them to approve, which the Holdemans will implement.

5. Counselor Greg Nye reported that the 2012 Harvey County Tax Foreclosure Sale held on October 24 went very well. Thirty properties settled prior to the sale. Thirteen properties were auctioned for total proceeds of \$94,537.28 with \$75,977.28 total taxes recovered.
6. John pointed out the County & State Per Capita Cost Indicators chart submitted by Lon Buller, Emergency Management Director. The chart shows the new FEMA disaster relief threshold for Harvey County is \$119,659.80 with a state threshold of \$3,908,771.66. Total damages in the county from a disaster would have to exceed the threshold and total damages in the state would have to exceed the state total for the county to be eligible for FEMA reimbursement.
7. John presented a membership renewal letter from Area 1 of the Workforce Investment Board. Commissioner Westfall indicated that there may be changes to the WIB areas statewide. The renewal was postponed.
8. Lynnette Redington, Health Department Director, stated that the revised KanCare contracts for the two of the contracting providers that have been selected by the State of Kansas are still being negotiated. She presented the contract with the third provider, United Health Care, for approval. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to authorize the Head of the Harvey County Health Department to sign the contract with United Health Care. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
9. Sheriff T. Walton reported that he will be attending a DCF meeting in Topeka on Friday, Nov. 2.

### **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

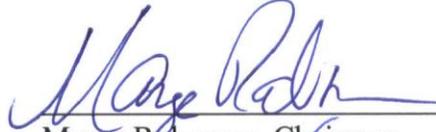
Byron Warta reported that the airport runway project is on schedule. He will be attending a Governor's water meeting tomorrow, Oct. 30. He stated that 160 acres of land recently sold in Iowa for \$20,900 per acre.

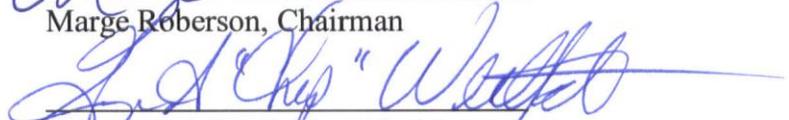
Anthony Swartzendruber distributed a chart of October sales tax collections. The chart showed that sales tax collections are up for the month over last year and are now slightly up for the year to date versus last year.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$33,584.23 and hand-written checks in the amount of \$5,932.12 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Krehbiel, seconded by Commissioner Westfall. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

THE BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Marge Roberson, Chairman

  
George A. "Chip" Westfall, Member

ATTEST:

  
Joyce Truskett, County Clerk

  
Ron Krehbiel, Member

