

MINUTES OF
BOARD OF HARVEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 24, 2012

The Board of Harvey County Commissioners met in regular session on September 24, 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 received a call thanking the Road & Bridge Department for the work done on SE 36th Street.
2. Commissioner Westfall reported that the 4-H team that won first place in the Kansas Horticultural Competition is having fund raisers in order to attend the national competition to be held in Wisconsin.
3. Commissioner Roberson reported that she was asked by the director of the Harvey-Marion County CDDO to contact the Kansas Association of Counties and encourage them to appoint an oversight Committee to oversee the changes in the state reimbursements of Medicaid.
4. Commissioner Roberson reported that she announced a write-in candidacy for Commission District #2 for the November 7 general election.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. The Courthouse will be closed for regular business on October 8th for an employee in-service day. A brief Commission meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. and the doors will be open to the public during that time.
2. The regular REAP meeting will be held on the first Monday in October, rather than the second. It will be held in the afternoon so the Commission meeting will begin at the regular time of 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the September 17th Commission meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Chairman Roberson. Motion passed with Commissioners Roberson and Westfall voting aye. Commissioner Krehbiel abstained.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. The indigent defense panel contract for 2013 was presented for approval. The only change in the existing contract is that the contract stipulates that if one of the panel members terminates their contract, they will be required to continue to work on the cases they are working on at the time of termination. There is also a requirement that compensation will be paid by direct deposit on or before the 10th of the month. The amount budgeted for indigent defense is \$135,000. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to authorize the Commission to sign the contract for the indigent defense panel. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
2. On Friday, October 5, there will be an "Emerging Trends" forum at the Meridian Center at 10:00 a.m. This will involve representatives from the Port of Catoosa and

- the Kansas City Port Authority. The Commissioners are also invited to attend a meeting of the Logistics Park Development Authority to be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Meridian Center on the same day.
3. John Waltner reported that there is a protest petition that is being circulated for Fire District #5. The District is seeking to take out bonds to finance the construction and equipping of a fire/EMS center in the City of Burrton. In order to bring the issue to a vote, the fire district presented a protest petition prepared by bond counsel to Counselor Greg Nye for approval. Although the first petition presented was not approved, the revised petition was approved. There is also another group that obtained a copy of the approved petition and is also circulating it.
 4. Jim Meier, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that they now have all the personnel positions filled.
 5. Counselor Greg Nye gave the Commissioners a copy of an editorial on the new Kansas KanCare system, which transforms Medicaid into a privatized managed-care system. Lynnette Redington, Interim Health Department Director, will meet with Counselor Nye this week regarding these changes. In order to receive Medicaid reimbursement, the Health Department will be required to enter into an agreement with one of three state approved contract providers. It is unclear at this time what the financial implications are.
 6. Anthony reported that the emergency shelter grant jointly applied for by the Harvey County Domestic Violence Task Force and Prairie View has been approved for award. They will receive an award of \$111,550.
 7. Byron Warta reported that the airport runway project continues to be about seven days ahead of schedule. There is some delay because of electrical contractors working on some of the areas beside the runway. Pouring of the runway could begin within a week. He encouraged the Commission to be cautious about the annexation of the airport property by the City of Newton. He advised that the County responsibility be very clear, especially looking toward the future. He also reported on the drought situation and how the Kansas Water Office is seeking input on what to do if the drought continues next year.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no items presented during citizen's forum.

Warrant checks in the amount of \$108,989.38 were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Westfall, seconded by Chairman Roberson. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:15 a.m. a public hearing was held for citizens to protest the solid waste fee. Heidi Huber presented a list of delinquent solid waste fees for the county. Tony Wheeler, Walton resident, attended the meeting to protest. He does not feel that he should have to pay for the transfer station if all of the trash from Walton is disposed of in Sedgwick County. John Waltner explained that the Solid Waste fee is to maintain the Harvey County Transfer Station; it is not a fee to haul the trash. He also stated that the County has a requirement that Waste Connections haul the trash from Walton to the Harvey County Transfer Station, not Sedgwick County. The public hearing was closed at

10:38 a.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to accept and approve the list of delinquent solid waste fees. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Lynnette Redington, Interim Director of the Harvey County Health Department, presented four contracts that need to be signed. The contracts are as follows:

- A contract with the Kansas Children's Service League for \$100,000 to provide another Healthy Family worker and other support services.
- The KDHE grant in the amount of \$160,000 of non-federal match dollars to provide services through the Healthy Start Home Visitor.

Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to sign the agreement between the Harvey County Commissioners and the Harvey County Health Department and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for outreach, prevention, and early intervention services and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Commissioner Westfall made a motion for the Harvey County Health Department to enter into an agreement with the Kansas Children's Service League for the Healthy Families America Program services and authorize the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Lynnette also informed the Commissioners of the Independent Contract Agreement for the Kansas Rural Health Works Community Health Needs Assessment. The contract is between the Harvey County Health Department and the Office of local Government, Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University. The services under this agreement will be provided under the direction of Dr. John Leatherman. Compensation for Dr. Leatherman is \$11,200 plus travel expenses for Dr. John Leatherman. Newton Medical Center, the Central Kansas Community Fund, and the United Way are helping with the funding of this. Lynnette also presented the renewal for the WIC which is \$158,826.

Bob Myers, City of Newton Attorney, presented a request for annexation of the Newton City County Airport to the City of Newton. The City feels that they should be able to share in the tax base of the airport. The City Commission has adopted a resolution to annex the airport property under KSA 12-520(c), which is used because the city does not adjoin the property. This is called a "consent annexation." Commissioner Westfall made a motion to approve the annexation. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. There are only three properties that are privately owned at the airport. The remaining 18 properties are jointly owned by the City and the County.

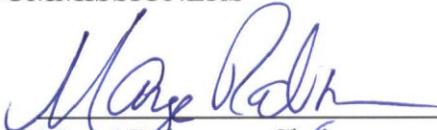
The Commission recessed at 11:10 a.m. to tour Lincoln Boulevard in Hesston and for lunch.

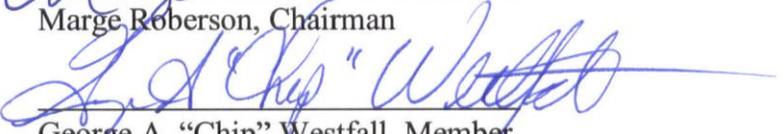
At 1:35 p.m. Commissioner Westfall made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 60 minutes to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Krehbiel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Linda Kientz and Lynette Redington. At 2:25 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 60 minutes to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Linda Kientz and Preston Goering. At 3:25 p.m. Commissioner Krehbiel made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 60

minutes to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Westfall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Also in attendance for the session were John Waltner, Anthony Swartzendruber, Linda Kientz and Bethany Lippe. Executive session ended at 4:10 p.m. with no action being taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

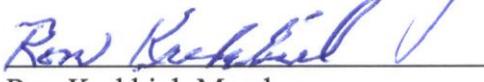
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Ron Krehbiel, Member

