

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 8, 2007, to allow commissioners to individually review correspondence.
2. The Board met in the Courthouse Lobby at 8:30 a.m. for an outgoing Commissioners' reception for Gene Merry and Kraig Kirchner.
3. Chairman Fred Rowley, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members R. Kraig Kirchner, Tim Sipe, Gene Merry and Larry Crofts present. Also present were Angie Kirchner, County Clerk, Doug Witteman, County Attorney, and Donna Berland, Administrative Assistant. Tim East, WCNO Representative, and Mark Petterson, Editor of the Republican were also present. Dave Springe, Legal Council for the Citizens Utility Rate Payer Board, was also in attendance.
4. Merry moved to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 2, 2006, as written, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.
5. Coffey County Sheriff Randy Rogers met with the Board to discuss the \$18,843.50 payoff received from the insurance company. Beyer Motors has a 2006 model Dodge truck for \$24,934.00 that is available immediately. Sheriff Randy Rogers recommended going with the 2006 model that is immediately available to replace the Emergency vehicle that was involved in a wreck during a snow storm.
 - 5a. Sipe moved that the bid submitted by Beyer Motor Company be approved as the best bid, and that (1) 2006 Dodge Truck be purchased according to the terms of the bid, based upon the recommendation of Sheriff Randy Rogers, with funds to come from the General Fund, Sheriff's Office Capital Outlay Line Item, seconded by Crofts. Motion carried.
6. Merry moved to approve Resolution No. 768, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SUNFLOWER ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT THREE NEW POWER PLANTS IN FINNEY COUNTY, KANSAS, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
7. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign three (3) tax abatements to the Treasurer's tax roll in the amount of \$628.22.
- 7a. Crofts moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
8. The Board recessed to the District Courtroom at 9:15 a.m. for the Oath of Offices for newly elected Commissioners Kimberly Skillman-Robrahn, District 1, Robert L. Saueressig, District 5, and re-elected Commissioner Timothy A. Sipe, District 4. Administrative Judge Phil Fromme performed the Oath of Offices.
9. The Board returned to the Commission Chambers at 9:30 a.m. to reconvene for the re-organization of the Board with Chairman Fred Rowley, Jr. and members Larry Crofts, Tim Sipe, and newly-elected Commissioners Kimberly Robrahn, and Bob Saueressig.

- 10.** Crotts moved to appoint Tim Sipe as Chairman and Fred Rowley, Jr. as Vice- Chairman of the Coffey County Board of Commissioners for the year 2007, seconded by Skillman-Robrahn. Motion carried.
- 11.** Hub Caspar, Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly report dated January 8, 2007. Bruce Hegwald, Temporary Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.
- 12.** Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: No Road Permits were issued during the past week.
- 13.** Item No. 93-01; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
- 14.** Item No. 2006-34: Bridge Steel – Request authorization to solicit sealed bids for the Structural Steel for B366 (D-4.4). Bid opening: January 17, 2007 @ 2:00 p.m.
- 15.** Item No. 2007-01: BELLY DUMP PURCHASE - Request authorization to solicit bids for one (1) Belly Dump Trailer with trade-in of a TL-002 1980 Load King and a TL-006 1984 Load King. Bid opening: January 31, 2007 @ 2:00 p.m.
- 16.** Caspar also presented the Construction Zone Report for the week of January 8, 2007.
- 17.** Sipe moved to enter into Executive Session for 5 minutes at 9:45 a.m. to include each of the Commissioners, Hub Caspar, Bruce Hegwald and the County Attorney, to discuss matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.
- 18.** The Board resumed regular session at 9:50 a.m.
- 19.** Susan Mueller, Health Department Administrator, met with the Board to present her resignation from the Health Department, effective January 31st, 2007. Skillman-Robrahn volunteered to be involved in the interview process for the new Health Department Administrator. Mueller also discussed the salary for the Health Department Administrator in comparison to surrounding rural counties.
- 20.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, submitted the weekly report for the week of January 8, 2006.
- 21.** Item No. 95-9; Hotaling attended the Coffey County Strategic Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 3rd, at the Coffey County Hospital. Officers elected for 2007 are Mary Walker, Chairperson; Matt Sunseri, Vice-Chairperson; and Mary Markwalter, Secretary. The committee thanked Martha Newkirk for serving as chairperson in 2006 and also thanked Commissioner Gene Merry for serving on the committee for 12 years. Commissioner Merry (the Downtown Guy) was invited to continue to attend the meetings whenever he can to keep the committee updated on downtown activities. Hotaling provided information to the committee on Flight Training Scholarship Program for 2007; Athletic Event Economic Incentive Grants for 2007;

Kansas Sports, Boat & Travel Show; and Southeast Kansas Prosperity Foundation. The Foundation received a \$100,000 donation from a Columbus, Kansas Company. The committee reviewed action strategies for 2006 and outlined some new strategies for 2007.

21. Item No. 95-25; Hotaling received a request from “Bassmaster” magazine for information and photos of Coffey County Lake for an upcoming feature article on fishing at power plant lakes. Five power plant lakes in the United States will be featured including Coffey County Lake. This article will provide national exposure for Coffey County at no cost and should generate extra traffic for motels, restaurants, service stations, etc.

22. Item No. 03-1; Hotaling received a Community Development Block Grant payment from Mid-American Machine in LeRoy. These payments are collected by Coffey County and then forwarded to the Kansas Department of Commerce CDBG Program that provided the funding for the loan. Mid-American Machine is current on payments.

23. Item No. 05-3; Hotaling attended the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC) Executive Committee meeting in Chanute. The committee gave a favorable review for a USDA Rural Development project; approved participation by two staff members at the Kansas Rural Water Association Annual Conference; approved National Association of Development Organizations membership; and approved two staff members to attend certification training for the Kansas “Home” Program. The committee also approved a business loan pending final documents to a company relocating to Anderson County.

24. Hotaling mailed out information and application forms for the Athletic Economic Incentive Grant Program to Superintendents and Athletic Directors in each school district.

25. Hotaling provided information on the Coffey County Housing Authority to the Executive Director of Rooks County Economic Development.

26. Hotaling completed the loan report for the period of December 1 – December 31, 2006.

27. The Board will sign warrants and vouchers on Monday, January 29, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.

28. Sipe adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m. until Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. There will not be a Commission meeting on Monday due to Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

Correspondence

No Response Required

1. The Kiplinger Letter - December 29, 2006
2. The Kiplinger Tax Letter - December 29, 2006

3. Thank you note - Pam Hopkins Family
4. Kansas Department of Administration - December 28, 2006 - Review of the 2007
5. Coffey County budget & City of Lebo Budget
6. Coffey County Housing Authority Board Meeting Minutes - October 12, 2006
7. JoAnn Phillips - Thank you note
8. KDHE Workshop on e-waste collection - January 3, 2007
9. Coffey County Library - January 2007 Calendar of Events
10. Whitney Damron - Article on Energy issues will be among driving forces
11. Kansas Preservation Magazine - November-December 2006 Issue
12. Kansas "Sunflower Chapter" Solid Waste Association of North America - December 2006

Minutes, January 8, 2007

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk