

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 8, 2008. Chairman Tim Sipe called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with members Larry Crotts, Fred Rowley, Jr., Kimberly Robrahn and Bob Saueressig present. Also present were Angie Kirchner, Coffey County Clerk, and Donna Berland, Administrative Assistant.

2. The Board moved to the basement for a Legislative Discussion with Senator Derek Schmidt, Lobbyist Whitney Damron, Congresswoman Nancy Boyda, District Director for Nancy Boyda, Jason Fizel, State Representative Bill Otto and State Representative Peggy Mast; Local officials in attendance were Hospital Administrator Dennis George, Treasurer JoAnn Raaf, County Clerk Angie Kirchner, Deputy Appraiser Mark Hopkins, Register of Deeds Gwen Birk, Engineer Wayne Blackburn, Sheriff Randy Rogers, Information Technology Director Bill Bauer, Administrative Assistant Donna Berland, Editor of Coffey County Republican and Mayor of the City of New Strawn Mark Petterson.

3. Several topics were discussed including energy issues, disaster related issues, funding cuts for programs, requests for no new programs, the log jam in the Neosho River, and housing issues. Whitney Damron presented a Legislative Update of items that will be of concern at the state level during the 2008 Legislative Session. Congresswoman Nancy Boyda addressed the college cost reduction act, \$5.2 billion put into the Veteran's Association, immigration issues, the farm bill, the log jam needing state and federal assistance, additional energy issues and earmarks in the federal budget.

4. Congresswoman Nancy Boyda pledged her support in alleviating the problem with the Neosho River Log Jam. Contact sources were discussed and suggestions made as to how the Board and County Clerk Angie Kirchner should proceed. Commissioner Rowley had previously contacted and sent information to Congresswoman Boyda.

5. The Board and those in attendance moved to the Coffey County Hospital for a luncheon at 12:10 p.m.

6. Sipe adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Minutes, January 8, 2008

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk

