

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m., Monday, January 12, 2015. Chairman Kenneth Combes called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with members Arlin Meats, Bob Saueressig, Jim Dale and Fred Rowley present. County Clerk Angie Kirchner, County Attorney Christopher Phelan and Administrative Assistant Donna Berland were also present.
2. Rowley moved to approve the minutes of Monday, January 5, 2015, as written, seconded by Robrahn. Motion carried. Kimberly Robrahn called in by phone to approve the minutes of Monday, January 5th, 2015.
3. Robrahn left the meeting at 8:31 a.m.
4. The Board recessed to the courtroom to observe the swearing in of newly elected and re-elected officials.
5. Combes moved to appoint Arlin Meats as Chairman of the Coffey County Board of Commissioners for the year 2015, seconded by Dale. Motion carried 4-yes, 0-no, 1-abstention, Meats.
6. Combes moved to appoint Fred Rowley as Vice Chairman of the Coffey County Board of Commissioners for the year 2015, seconded by Meats. Motion carried 4-yes, 0-no, 1-abstention, Rowley.
7. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Deidra Wallace, New Hire, Sheriff's Office, Intern, Classification LE-I-a, Wage \$10.27, effective 1/2/2015.
 - B. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Derek R. Saueressig, New Hire, Sheriff's Office, Jailer, Classification LE-II-a, Wage \$13.29, effective 1/5/2015. This new hire will fill a vacancy in the Sheriff's office.
 - C. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Blake M. Hanson, New Hire, Sheriff's Office, Jailer, Classification LE-II-a, Wage \$13.29, effective 1/5/2015. This new hire will fill a vacancy in the Sheriff's office.
- 7a. Combes moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Dale. Motion carried.
8. Dale moved to reappoint Carol Knight as a member of the Coffey County Tourism and Visitor's Board to a two-year term, effective immediately and ending December 31, 2016, seconded by Meats. Motion carried.
9. Combes moved to appoint Commissioner Fred Rowley as the County's representative on the Fiber Optic Control Board, to fulfill the unexpired term of Commissioner Robrahn, effective immediately, with the term to expire June 30, 2015, seconded by Dale. Motion carried.

- 10.** Emergency Management Coordinator Russel Stukey met with the Board to present the monthly report for December 2014.
- 11.** County Engineer Wayne Blackbourn met with the Board to present the weekly report for 1/12/2015.
- 12.** Item No. 93-01; Road Permits: One Road Permit was issued during the past week.
- 13.** Item No. 99-13; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
- 14.** Item No. 2015-02; Construction Projects: Review and approve 2015 Construction Project Plan.
- 14a.** Rowley moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to approve the County Engineer's request to approve the 2015 Construction Project Plan, seconded by Combes. Motion carried.
- 15.** Item No. 2015-03; Equipment Purchase – Mowing Tractor: Request authorization to solicit formal bids for one (1) Tractor with disposal of a 1996 John Deere, Model 6400 Tractor (TR-013) Serial # LO6400M166123 to EMC Insurance.
- 15a.** Saueressig moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval of the County Attorney, to find that One (1) 1996 John Deere, Model 6400 Tractor (TR-013) Serial # LO6400M166123 is no longer required or cannot prudently be used for public purposes of Coffey County and as such should be disposed to EMC Insurance for the net amount of \$20,500 (Actual cash value-\$23,000, less Deductible of \$2,500) as settlement for the total loss of claim for damages on TR-013 and direct the County Engineer to sign all documents related to the claim and disposal of TR-013, seconded by Dale. Motion carried.
- 15b.** Combes moved based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to approve the County Engineer's request to solicit formal bids and purchase one (1) Mowing Tractor to replace TR-013, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 16.** Item No. 2015-04; Equipment Purchase – Mowing Tractor: Request authorization to solicit formal bids for one (1) Tractor with trade-in of a 1997 John Deere, Model 6400 Tractor (TR-015) Serial # LO6400M191678.
- 16a.** Rowley moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval of the County Attorney, to find that One (1) 1997 John Deere, Model 6400 Tractor (TR-015) Serial # LO6400M191678 is no longer required or cannot prudently be used for public purposes of Coffey County and as such should be disposed of by trade-in or sale (This is to replace a non-operational tractor with 9,245 miles), seconded by Dale. Motion carried.
- 16b.** Dale moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to approve the County Engineer's request to solicit formal bids and purchase one (1) Mowing Tractor with trade-in

option of One (1) 1997 John Deere, Model 6400 Tractor (TR-015) Serial # LO6400M191678, seconded by Combes. Motion carried.

- 17.** Item 2015-05; Equipment Purchase – Automatic Self Propelled Asphalt Pavement Router: Request authorization to solicit formal bids for one (1) Automatic Self Propelled Asphalt Pavement Router with trade-in of Serial # 084044, 2008 Asphalt Pavement Router (RB-1002).
- 17a.** Combes moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval of the County Attorney, to find that one (1) 2008 Crack Router (RB-1002) Serial # 084044 is no longer required or cannot prudently be used for public purposes of Coffey County and as such should be disposed of by trade-in or sale, seconded by Meats. Motion carried.
- 17b.** Dale moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to approve the County Engineer’s request to solicit formal bids and purchase one (1) Self Propelled Router with the trade-in option of Serial # 084044, 2008 Crack Router (RB-1002), seconded by Combes. Motion carried.
- 18.** Blackburn also presented the Construction Zoning Report for the week of January 12, 2015.
- 19.** Zoning Administrator Heidi Harris met with the Board to request Commission action for authorization to approve the Ad Astra Wind Farm Substation Subdivision Plat. EDP Renewable Representatives Grant Wilson, Josh Bohach and Kyle Anibas were also present.
- 19a.** Combes moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Subdivision Administrator and approval as to form by the County Attorney, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Ad Astra Wind Farm Substation Subdivision Plat as approved by the County Planning Board for Case No. S/D 2014-02, seconded by Saueressig. Motion carried 4-yes, 0-no, 1-abstention, Rowley.
- 20.** East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging Representative Elizabeth Maxwell and COF Representative Chris Patton met with the Board to discuss transferring Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO) services to the East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging (ECKAAA).
- 20a.** Saueressig moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the letter to the Kansas Department of Aging Disability Services, seconded by Dale. Motion carried.
- 21.** East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging Representative Elizabeth Maxwell presented the 2014 Year in Review.
- 22.** Economic Development Director Kelli Higgins met with the Board for a Performance Evaluation.
- 23.** Combes moved to enter into Executive Session for 15 minutes at 10:51 a.m., to include each of the Commissioners and Kelli Higgins, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Saueressig. Motion carried.

24. The Board resumed regular session at 10:56 a.m.
25. Saueressig moved to enter into Executive Session for 5 minutes at 11:08 a.m., to include each of the Commissioners and Kelli Higgins, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Dale. Motion carried.
26. The Board resumed regular session at 11:13 a.m.
27. Fire Chief/Administrator Randall Brown met with the Board to discuss fire hydrants in the rural areas of Coffey County and will continue to work with the rural water districts.
28. Rowley provided information regarding a new fiber optic contract with Madison Telephone and recommended the Board approve the contract of 73 payments over 5 years at a cost of \$32,904.66 per month for a total payment of \$2,342,910.18 that includes interest. The interest rate on the financing is 5% plus 1% for the bookkeeping and permits by Madison Telephone for a total of 6%. Rowley stated that Century Link has declined to provide fiber optic service after 2016. Rowley added that the service that we have now is not adequate for our needs. The current contract with Century Link ends in June of 2016. Rowley added that there will be additional expense for possible updates on equipment and things needed to make connections with the new fiber. USD#244 Information Technology Director Doug Vanderlinden and the County Information Technology Director Bill Bauer were also in attendance. Saueressig asked how much of the fiber construction should be the County's responsibility when the contract says we will pay \$32,904.66 per month for 73 mos. Vanderlinden said that there will need to be larger fiber pipe to allow faster internet and transmission of data for all the County agencies and schools currently on fiber through Century Link. Vanderlinden stated that Valnet is our current internet provider and Valnet will be partnering with Madison Telephone to continue to provide internet. Vanderlinden also explained the importance of data that needs to be protected between the schools, the hospital and nursing homes. Vanderlinden said the County's portion would be less than 50% of the construction costs to install the new fiber. The total of the project cost is approximately \$6.9 million. Saueressig also said he had a hard time approving this contract and spending this amount of taxpayers' money. Saueressig said he would much rather it be taken to a bond election and let the people decide. Combes explained the use of satellite internet that he uses and how fiber would be a benefit to citizens. Rowley explained that the school could pay ½ of the \$32,904.66 but he felt this was an Economic Development project not something that the school should have to pay for. Vanderlinden said that Century Link would not consider negotiating a new contract until June of 2015. Vanderlinden said the school is prepared to pay ½ of the \$32,904.66 if the County will not pay the full amount.
29. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of January 2015 on Wednesday, January 28th, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.
30. The courthouse will be closed on Monday, January 19th, 2015, in observance of Martin Luther King's Day.
31. Meats adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m., until Tuesday, January 20th, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

Correspondence

1. Gene Merry – Thank you note – January 6, 2015
2. U.S. Senator Jerry Moran – “Kansas Common Sense” Newsletter – January 6, 2015
3. Strategic Communications of Kansas – Legislative Preview – January 2015
4. Whitney Damron – Anti-Municipal Broadband Bill Among Year’s Worst – January 1, 2015
5. Coffey County Historical Society – Board Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2014
6. Franklin County – Donald R. Stottlemire Reception – January 12, 2015
7. Whitney Damron – Kansas Roads and Bridges Have Improved, But Much to Be Done – January 7, 2015
8. The Kiplinger Letter – January 2, 2015
9. Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Adviser – January 2015
10. The Kiplinger Tax Letter – January 2, 2015
11. City of Burlington – Council Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2014
12. Whitney Damron – Kansas Statehouse: Issues to Watch in 2015 – January 12, 2015
Minutes, January 12, 2015

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk