

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 26, 2004, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members R. Kraig Kirchner, Tim Sipe, Fred Rowley, Jr. and Larry Crotts present. Also present were Vernon Birk, Coffey County Clerk, Doug Witteman, Coffey County Attorney, and Mary Bloomer, Administrative Coordinator. Present for part of the meeting was Mark Petterson, Coffey County Republican Editor.

2. A surprise 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party was held in Chairman Gene Merry's honor. Refreshments were served. Jim Stukey, local artist, performed and sang 'Happy Birthday' to Merry. Several County employees and some public citizens were in attendance.

3. Sipe moved to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004, as corrected, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried. Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004, add at end of paragraph 7, "The Clerk was asked to do some additional research". Paragraph 9 a, delete the "-" in the classification. Add at the end of paragraph 9 b, "Sheriff Rogers also discussed local law enforcement issues and consolidation". Add after paragraph 28, "Commissioner Sipe was administered an oath by the Clerk as the non-lawyer member to the Fourth Judicial Nominating Commission."

**4. Consent Agenda**

A. Upon the recommendation of the Engineer, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Wayne Arb, New Hire, Tradesman for the Bridge Crew, at a classification of M-III-a and an hourly wage of \$10.80, effective January 26, 2004.

B. Upon the recommendation of the Engineer, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Jason Harred, New Hire, Equipment Operator for the Asphalt Crew, at a classification of M-III-c and an hourly wage of \$11.69, effective January 26, 2004. Level "c" is requested due to previous experience.

C. Move to approve the goals for Coffey County for 2004.

D. Move to authorize the Chairman to sign 2 abatements to the Treasurer's tax roll in the amount of \$192.48.

4 a. Crotts moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.

5. Rowley moved to adopt the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, Coffey County, Kansas, and further authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the same, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.

6. Rowley moved to authorize the Chairman to sign 3 abatements to the Treasurer's tax roll in the amount of \$7,662.74, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.

- 7.** Coffey County Sheriff Randy Rogers was asked to meet with the Board to discuss storage space in the old Noxious Weed building (now the Sheriff's Annex facility). Rogers told the Board that the command vehicle could be moved outside which would make plenty of room for courthouse grounds equipment storage.
- 8.** The Board agreed to scratch the storage building project. The County Clerk was authorized to get quotes for a tilt trailer to haul the riding mower.
- 9.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented and discussed the weekly report for the week of January 20, 2004.
- 10.** Item No. 95-18; Hotaling met with Chuck Trimble of New Eagle Communications. Trimble will meet with the County Commission on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. to discuss future operations at New Eagle.
- 11.** Item No. 95-24; Hotaling attended the Kansas Bankers Association Economic and Rural Development Summit in Salina. Dr. William H. Fruth, President of Policom Corporation, an independent economic research firm, presented a program on what Kansas communities need to do to improve their local economics. An extensive discussion was held on business incentives and how to qualify a prospect on how much in incentives they will receive. Incentive qualification formula is available on the Policom website. Hotaling will provide copies of handouts to the Commissioners. Thanks to Craig Meader, 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Kansas, for sponsoring Hotaling's registration fee for the conference.
- 12.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling completed a roster of volunteers to work at the Kansas Sports, Boat & Travel Show in Wichita on February 18-22. Hotaling completed the agenda for the organizational meeting for volunteers to be held at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Indian Plains Grill. Hotaling will discuss activities to be promoted including Artrain USA coming to LeRoy in June and discuss show regulations, booth location, expenses, vouchers, etc.
- 13.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling completed the roster of attendees for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Caucus to be held at the Kansas Expo Center in Topeka on February 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. The County van will leave from the west side of the courthouse at 4:15 p.m. for attendees needing a ride to the event.
- 14.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling attended the Coffey County Museum Pioneer Days celebration on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Hotaling served as cashier for the ham and bean feed.
- 15.** Item No. 95-29; Hotaling received 4 additional applications for the Leadership Coffey County youth program. This will give Hotaling a class of 10 students, making it possible to go ahead with the program in 2004.
- 16.** Item No. 98-10; Hotaling attended the SEK, Inc. annual meeting in Chanute on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Election of officers for 2004 and reports from the Economic Development Council, the Legislative Council, the Manufacturers Council, the Transportation Council, the Workforce

Development Council, and the Certified Development Company were highlights of the meeting. Lieutenant John Moore discussed the State Economic Development Revitalization Plan.

**17.** Item No. 04-1; Hotaling discussed the upcoming visit of the Artrain to LeRoy in June with Jane Hatch. Hotaling will be meeting with Hatch and Sid Meeker to discuss promotion plans for the event and design a flyer to have available at the Wichita Sports, Boat and Travel Show in February.

**18.** Sipe moved, at 11:00 a.m., to enter a public hearing regarding the vacation of 13<sup>th</sup> Place between Underwood Road and Underwood Lane, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.

**19.** The Chairman asked for comments from the public. Brad Smith, who had requested the vacation, stated that he wanted the right-of-way closed due mainly to hunters driving in and getting on his property without permission. Arden Payer and Brad Payer were present to object to the closing, saying they would have to drive further to get to some land that they farm. Further discussion involved possibly installing a gate, providing a gravel turn around at French Ridge Cemetery, or opening a portion of Underwood Road in that area.

**19 a.** Following further discussion, Sipe moved to close this public hearing regarding the vacation of 13<sup>th</sup> Place between Underwood Road and Underwood Lane, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

**19 b.** Sipe moved to take no action with regard to proposed Resolution 618-a1, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.

**20.** Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly report dated January 26, 2004. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.

**21.** Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: Four Road Permits were issued during the past week.

**22.** Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: Two Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.

**23.** Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Vertical Expansion – Review and approve Aquaterra Proposal No. 0104005 for Post-Closure Inspection services, 2004 and Proposal No. 0104007 for Groundwater Monitoring Services, 2004 & 2005. Discuss KDHE advisory bulletin attached.

**23 a.** Merry moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign Aquaterra Proposal No. 0104005 to provide post-closure inspection services of the closed Vertical Expansion area (includes Task 1.1, 1.2, Option A and B), for a fee not to exceed \$9,110.00, with funds to come from the General Fund, Landfill Capital Outlay Line, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

24. The Board discussed a letter from William Bider, KDHE, regarding disposal of poly aromatic hydrocarbone (PAHs) contaminated soil and other media in MSW Landfills.
25. Rowley moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign Aquaterra Proposal No. 0104007 to provide groundwater monitoring services and geochemical analysis at the Coffey County Sanitary Landfill, for a fee not to exceed \$22,170.00, with funds to come from the General Fund, Landfill Capital Outlay Line, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.
26. Reed reported the sand and salt crew were called out at 2:00 a.m. this morning, January 26, 2004, due to the ice storm.
27. Caspar presented the Construction Report for the week of January 26, 2004.
28. Dan Andrews, Executive Director, COF Training Center, updated the Board on the COF Training Center. He also presented financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2003 and an agreement for services for one year commencing January 1, 2004 and ending December 31, 2004 for approval.
- 28 a. Sipe moved to approve an Agreement for Services with COF Training Services, effective January 1, 2004, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.
29. Birk advised the Board of a problem with a lift station in the basement that is being repaired when the County gets the parts.
30. Sipe moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m. until Thursday, January 29, 2004, to sign warrants and vouchers and attend to other County business that may arise, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Response Not Required

1. Hawver's Capitol Report – Miscellaneous dates
2. City of Lebo – Minutes of November 3, 2003
3. Milton Ammel – Letter regarding law enforcement in Paola
4. University of Kansas – Notice of Training
5. Fourth Judicial District – Newsletter
6. KAC – Legislative Bulletin

Response Required

7. Lake Region RC&D – Letter requesting funding

Minutes, January 26, 2004

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk

