

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 29, 2001, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Tim Sipe, Fred Rowley, Jr., Johnnie Sleezer and Larry Crotts present. Also present were County Clerk Vernon Birk, County Attorney Doug Witteman and Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer. WCNO Representative Jeannene Ryan was present for part of the meeting.

2. Sleezer moved to approve the minutes of Monday, January 22, 2001, as corrected, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried. Corrections were: Monday, January 22, 2001, paragraph 7, replace 'Government' with "of Burlington". Paragraph 16, replace 'received' with "cured". Paragraph 24, add "Sheriff" at beginning of paragraph. Paragraph 25, at end of paragraph, delete 'public' and 'in attendance'. Add, "present to object or comment on the disposal". Paragraph 25a, replace 'this' with "the".

3. Debbie Poire, Clerk of the District Court, met with the Board to discuss redecorating the courtroom. Poire said it has been at least 20 years since anything has been done to the courtroom and considering some past water leakage, etc., she would like to do some redecorating. Commissioner Merry said the Sheriff's department is also considering remodeling some in their department and possibly the two projects could be combined. The Board will talk to John Zuern about helping Poire with the project.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Move to approve insertion of the quarterly brochure from the Consortium, Inc. in the January payroll envelopes.

B. Upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Terry L. Emmons, Jr., upon completion of IPP, at a new classification of MIIIb and an hourly wage of \$10.56, effective February 7, 2001.

C. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign two Orders for Refund of Taxes in the amount of \$135.06.
No. 4467 payable to Garth Becket in the amount of \$85.22 for the year 2000.
Reason: Changed land class on property.
No. 4468 payable to Garth Beckett in the amount of \$49.84 for the year 2000.
Reason: Changed land class on property.

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

5. Sleezer moved, upon the recommendation of the Vehicle Committee, to approve Minimum Bid Specifications for a Sports Utility Vehicle, 4x4, 4-door, year 2001 or newer model, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

5 a. Merry moved, upon the recommendation of the Vehicle Committee and the request of the County Sheriff, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Approval for Bid Solicitation for one (1), year 2001 or newer, 4x4, 4-door Sports Utility Vehicle, with funds to come from year 2001 Sheriff's Department budget, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

6. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, met with the Board for his annual performance review.

6 a. Crotts moved to recess into Executive Session at 9:33 a.m. for 15 minutes to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the Economic Development Director to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

7. The Board resumed regular session at 9:48 a.m.

8. Commissioner Sipe reported on the Resource, Conservation & Development (R C & D) meeting he attended last week at Ottawa.

9. Commissioner Sipe reported noticing heating deficiencies in the courthouse and asked that it be looked into. The County Clerk will follow up on it.

10. Economic Development Director Jon Hotaling met again with the Board. Also present were Jim Strawder and Ron Strawder.

10 a. Sleezer moved, upon the recommendation of the Economic Development Director, to recess into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. for 20 minutes to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney, the Economic Development Director, and Jim Strawder and Ron Strawder, to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of a corporation, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

11. The Board resumed regular session at 10:50 a.m.

12. Hotaling presented the weekly report for the week of January 22nd to January 26th, 2001.

13. Item No. 95-3; Hotaling reviewed the appraisal information on Country Critters property with the County Appraiser. Hotaling broke down the taxes for specific buildings as requested from the business prospect. The prospect will start training people from Coffey County in his other Kansas plant soon. He will provide transportation to and from the plant.

14. Item No. 95-10; Hotaling met with Coffey County volunteers scheduled to work at the Wichita Sports, Boat and Travel Show on February 14th – 18th. Hotaling discussed recommendations from last year's volunteers and additional ideas to improve the Coffey

County booth. Hotaling discussed logistics such as parking, show passes, motels, work schedules, and brochure information, etc.

15. Item No. 95-25; Hotaling sent out information on the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry Caucus to be held in Topeka on February 6th, 2001. Hotaling sent an invitation to State Representative Stanley Dreher who is planning to join Coffey County representatives for the dinner.

16. Item No. 96-5; Hotaling sent information on the spec building to Kevin Sears, Plant Manager for Andrew. Hotaling measured for a gate between Andrew and the spec building. Hotaling received an estimate on the gate from Midland Fence Co., who constructed the fence for Coffey County in 1998. Hotaling requested that Andrew write a letter requesting an extension of time to complete interior work on the building.

17. Item No. 97-12; Hotaling attended LeRoy PRIDE/Community Improvement Committee meeting in LeRoy on Thursday, January 25th, 2001. Commissioner Crotts and over 50 citizens from LeRoy attended the meeting. Beverly Wilhelm, Kansas PRIDE Program Coordinator, and Stan McAdoo, KSU Community Development/PRIDE Program, were facilitators for the meeting. Top priorities for action included: clean up/fix up/paint up, new business (retail & industrial), affordable housing, community building/center and teamwork/pride in the community.

18. Item No. 00-2; Hotaling attended the 21st Century Community Learning Center Advisory Council meeting. Miss Flinthills, Katrina Alford, presented information on mentoring. The Middle School after school program was named BLT (Bobcat Learning Time). The Council passed a motion to provide a summer program in conjunction with the regular summer school program.

19. Hotaling continued to work with Ron Wilson, President of the Kansas Leadership Forum, and Jeannene Ryan, WCNOC Representative, to set up the meeting room, tour, and lunch at WCNOC for the KLF Regional meeting in March.

20. Hotaling also reported vandalism in the Country Critters building. The Board asked that Hotaling look into it regarding broken windows, etc.

21. Rowley moved to recess into Executive Session at 11:04 a.m. for 5 minutes to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the Economic Development Director to discuss matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

22. The Board resumed regular session at 11:09 a.m.

23. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, presented the weekly report dated 1-29-01. John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, was also present. County Engineer Hub Caspar was unable to attend.

24. Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: One Road Permit was issued during the past week.
25. Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
26. Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Memo dated January 10, 2000 to the Board of County Commissioners from the County Engineer concerning recommended tipping fees. Does the Commission want to implement the recommended increase for the year 2001. **The Board chose not to change the tipping fees at this time unless the Solid Waste Committee provides a recommendation, in writing, for their consideration.**
27. Item No. 2000-15; Courthouse Lighting – Project No. 2000-Court: Contractor working in Courtroom. Job is 75% complete.
28. Zuern presented a Change Order to do some additions and rearranging of the lighting fixtures in certain areas in the courthouse.
- 28 a. Crotts moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and John Zuern, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign Change Order #1, dated January 26, 2001, from Decker Construction regarding the Courthouse Lighting Retrofit, at an increase of \$820.00, with funds to come from the Courthouse General Capital Outlay Fund. The change order is due to adjustments of some sizes and placements of fixtures that are different than the original approved retrofit plan, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
29. Item No. 2001-02; Pavement Maintenance & Rehabilitation: A long range plan for pavement preservation is being formulated and will be presented in the future. All options are being thoroughly investigated. **Included with Reed's report was a 2001 rock quote summary, which was discussed by the Board. This item will be placed on the Consent Agenda for approval next Monday.**
30. The Board directed Zuern, on approval of the County Engineer, to contact Debbie Poire, Clerk of the District Court, about a remodeling project in the courtroom.
31. Upon the recommendation of Susan Mueller, County Health Administrator, the Board granted permission for Marilyn Eccles, Environmental Tech, to attend an on site sewage systems workshop at Fort Worth, Texas on Saturday, March 10, 2001, and Sunday March 11, 2001. Mueller is making arrangements with Lyon County to share travel expenses.
32. The Board will participate in a Wolf Creek drill on Thursday, February 1, 2000, in the Emergency Operations Center in the Coffey County Courthouse.
33. Sleezer moved to adjourn at 12:49 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday January 30, 2001, to sign warrants and vouchers and attend to other County business that may arise, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Optional

1. Emporia Roofing Company – Letter regarding adjustment to all bids.
2. NRC – Solicitation of comments on the first year of the reactor oversight process.

Response Not Required

3. City of Burlington – Minutes, January 3, 2001
4. Kansas, Inc. – 2000 Annual Report
5. Fourth Judicial District – Minutes, October 3, 2000 and November 8, 2000.
6. Office of State Treasurer – Report – Summary of Bonds, Temporary Notes and No Fund Warrants of Kansas Municipalities
7. Whitney Damron – Notice of Associate joining the firm.
8. Coffey County Airport – Minutes, January 3, 2001
9. Office of the Attorney General – Letter regarding Interlocal Agreement to create Fiber Optic Control Board
10. The Leadership Library – Winter 2001 Catalog
11. Whitney Damron – Legislative Update
12. League of Kansas Municipalities – League News, January 26, 2001
Minutes, January 29, 2001

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk