

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, February 4, 2002, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Fred Rowley, Jr., Tim Sipe, Johnnie Sleezer and Larry Crotts present. Also present were County Clerk Vernon Birk, Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer and County Attorney Doug Witteman.
2. Crotts moved to approve the minutes of Monday, January 28, 2002 as written, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried, 4-yes, 1-abstained, Sleezer.
3. Sipe moved to approve the minutes of January 29, 2002, as corrected. Seconded by Crotts. Motion carried, 4-yes, 1-abstained, Sleezer. Corrections were: January 29, 2002, paragraph 1, last sentence, delete 'unable to attend due to other commitments'. Replace with "absent".
4. Lyle Harriott and Steve Webber visited with the Board about cleanup of the tree limbs, utility damage, etc., caused by the recent ice storm. The Board referred Harriott to the cities in the County.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign one Order for Refund of Taxes. No. 4564 payable to Russell Hodges in the amount of \$1,734.40 for the year 2001. Reason: clerical error – home site was on wrong tract – supplement made.
- 5 a. Rowley moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
6. Sleezer moved to accept the quote of CGI long distance services as the best quote and to authorize the County Clerk to sign the agreement for long distance service for Coffey County in the amount of .0598 cents per minute, contingent on contacting current carriers about a surcharge, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
7. Rowley moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Extension of a Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for the County of Coffey due to winter storm damage and icing, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
8. Sleezer moved to enter into a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. concerning Zoning Case No. SU 2001-02 to establish a commercial storage and loading facility for anhydrous ammonia located at the intersection of Old Highway 50 and Trefoil Road, one mile north of Waverly, Kansas, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
9. No public persons were in attendance to oppose the special use permit. Steve McCurry and Jim Trager, Ottawa Coop., Waverly branch, spoke in favor of the permit. The County Clerk reported no protest petitions have been received. John Zuern, Zoning

Administrator, gave a brief background report and recommendation of the Coffey County Planning Board.

9 a. Sleezer moved to close the public hearing at 9:42 a.m., seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

9 b. Sipe moved, by a majority vote, to adopt the findings and factors and recommendation of the Planning Board on Case No. SU 2001-02 and to approve Resolution No. 706, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

10. Becky Jewett, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, advised the Board that a Federal Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment Team would meet with the County, city and utility representatives in the courthouse basement on February 5th at 9:00 a.m. The meeting is to discuss expenses from the recent ice storm.

11. Bill Bauer, Information Systems Administrator, and Sharon Schurle, Information Systems Support Specialist, were invited to attend the Board meeting to thank them for the help provided to the Emergency Preparedness office during the day the courthouse was closed (Thursday, January 31, 2002) due to the ice storm. In addition, Jewett also praised Rod and Bridge crews, the Sheriff's Department and the many volunteers who helped during the storm and cleanup efforts.

12. Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m. for 20 minutes to include each of the Commissioners and the Noxious Weed Director, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

13. The Board resumed regular session at 10:25 a.m.

14. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented and discussed the weekly report for the week of January 28th to February 1st, 2002.

15. Item No. 95-3; Hotaling sent packets to two prospects interested in the Greenlight building. Hotaling set up an appointment to show the building on February 4th at 1 p.m. Hotaling discussed the cleanup of the Greenlight building with Craig Meader. Hotaling also discussed the utility bills and transferred the electric service for 207, 211 and 215 Neosho to the First National Bank of Kansas. Hotaling reviewed property taxes on the Greenlight buildings, Bargain Center and vacant lots with the Treasurer.

16. Item No. 95-9; Hotaling completed and mailed out agendas for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting to be held February 6th at the Coffey County Hospital.

17. Item No. 95-25; Hotaling completed and mailed out agendas and other information to Wichita Sports, Boat & Travel Show volunteers. Hotaling will meet with volunteers on February 8th to review schedules and other information about the show.

- 18.** Item No. 97-7; Hotaling attended the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce After 5 hosted by Creative Flowers by Melanie. There was a good turnout of about 25. The annual report of progress on Chamber goals was presented and the 2002 proposed budget was reviewed.
- 19.** Item No. 01-03; Hotaling finalized the radio ads for the Artrain exhibition. Hotaling delivered the promotional bags for the Artrain and the Smithsonian exhibitions to the museum and library. Hotaling is working on finalizing the Artrain banners. The Artrain committee meeting in LeRoy was postponed due to the weather. The Mural Board meeting was also postponed.
- 20.** Hotaling also discussed the bid procedure, etc. regarding the former Country Critters buildings.
- 21.** Sipe moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:44 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 Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 22.** The Board resumed regular session at 10:49 a.m.
- 23.** Merry moved, upon the recommendation of the Sheriff and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Agreement with Treanor Architects, P.A. regarding the jail remodeling project, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 24.** Sipe moved to enter into a public hearing to consider sponsoring an application for a CDBG grant to expand the Osage Rural Water District No. 4 in Coffey County, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.
- 25.** Steve Robb, Business and Technology Institute, Pittsburg State University, gave a brief background of the application process. Kenneth Combs was also present for the discussion.
- 26.** Sleezer moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 27.** Sipe moved to approve Resolution No. 707, A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE 2002 KANSAS SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND HOUSING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH AN APPLICATION, and further authorize the Chairman to sign the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance plan under Section 104 (d) of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 as Amended, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

28. Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, presented the weekly report dated February 4th, 2002. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.

29. Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: One Road Permit was issued during the past week.

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

31. The Board discussed several Road & Bridge matters including the recent ice storm, etc.

32. Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 11:40 for 15 minutes to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the Administrative Coordinator to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

33. The Board resumed regular session at 11:55 a.m.

34. The Board discussed proposed use of the Community Improvement Funds.

35. The Chairman reported on the Technology meeting held on Wednesday, January 30, 2002.

36. The County Attorney provided the Board with information regarding K.S.A. 41-2646, "Sale of liquor by the drink in public places, election to prohibit or permit." A press release will be proposed regarding.

37. The Board will sign warrants and vouchers on February 26, 2002 at 8:30 a.m.

38. Sleezer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m., seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Requires

1. LeRoy-Gridley, USD #245, After Prom Committee – Request for Donation
2. KAC – Questionnaire – Group Health Insurance Benefits
3. Gridley High – After Prom Committee – Request for Donation

Response Optional

4. University of Kansas – Notice of Seminar – 2002, Culverts and Drainage Workshop
5. University of Kansas – Notice of Seminar – 2002, MUTCD Update Workshop

Response Not Required

4. Whitney Damron – News Article
5. KAC – Legislative Update
6. Hawvers Capital Report 1-28; 1-29; 1-30; 1-31; 2-1
7. City of LeRoy – Accounting of 2001 Infrastructure Funds
8. City of LeRoy – Accounting of 2001 Culture & Recreation Funds

Minutes, February 4, 2002

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk