

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, February 26, 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. WCNOC Representative Jenny Hageman and Coffey County Republican Editor Mark Petterson were present for part of the meeting.

2. Crotts moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2001 as written, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Upon the recommendation of the County Sheriff, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Kenneth Hoskins, upon completion of IPP, at a new classification of LEIIa and an hourly wage of \$8.84.

B. Upon the request of Charles Huff, Chairman of the Coffey County Council on Aging, and in compliance with the Council's bylaws, move to make the following reappointments to the Coffey County Council on Aging as follows, effective January 1, 2001:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Charles A. Huff	1 year	December 31, 2001
Jackson George	2 years	December 31, 2002
Margie George	1 year	December 31, 2001
Orval True	3 years	December 31, 2003
Don Brinkman	2 years	December 31, 2002
Bill Walker	1 year	December 31, 2001
Julia Plank	2 years	December 31, 2002
Phyllis Isle	1 year	December 31, 2001
Dorothy Lingenfelter	1 year	December 31, 2001
Jeanne Dody	3 years	December 31, 2003
Alice Van Arsdale	2 years	December 31, 2002
Floyd Eggleston	3 years	December 31, 2003
Irene Watson	2 years	December 31, 2002
Susan Mueller	3 years	December 31, 2003
Dorothy McCormick	3 years	December 31, 2003

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

4. Sleezer moved, upon the approval of the County Attorney, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the letter to Richard Jackson, ECKAN, in response to his letter of January 19, 2001, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

5. The County Attorney advised that Parks and Recreation funds for cities used for a community center building would be proper use of these funds with a special request from the entity. Each request would be treated on a case by case basis and can be approved by waiver of current policy.

6. Dave Beard visited with the Board with concerns about grading of rock into the ditches when blading snow. Beard also mentioned the chuckholes need to be scarified, rolled back and refilled to be properly repaired compared to just blading the chuckhole back full of rock. The Board will talk with the County Engineer and Road Supervisor about the concerns of Beard.

7. Commissioner Rowley reported attending a meeting at Jacobs Creek and said he was approached by some people who had concerns about (1) the Fire District and (2) certain residents who were not hooked to the sewer system. Rowley said that some would like the Board to investigate the possibility of transferring Jacobs Creek to Coffey County Fire District No. 1. Lyon County Fire District 5 is currently serving them. The Board will send a letter to Coffey County Fire District No. 1 Board asking for a recommendation from them. The County Attorney also indicated the Lyon County Commissioners would need to approve the transfer before this would be possible. Regarding the non-hook ups to the sewer system, the County Attorney will check into the matter.

8. The Board scheduled a salary work session for 1:00 p.m. on March 12, 2001.

8 a. Sipe moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the letters to the rural water districts regarding their application for 2001 assistance to the rural water districts, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

9. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented and discussed his weekly report for the week of February 20<sup>th</sup> to February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2001.

10. Item No. 95-3; Hotaling spoke with Larry Hendricks about Country Critters documents. Hotaling is waiting for one or two creditors to sign off. Hendricks is still hopeful that the County will have its property by April 1, 2001. The prospect considering the building would like to get a draft lease in the next few weeks even if the document is contingent upon roof estimate and condition or any other contingencies. **[Due to an excessive gas bill this month, Hotaling was directed to check the building for possible gas leaks]**

11. Item No. 95-8; The Tri-County Business Directories, updated and revised by the Tri-County Economic Development Organization, have been printed. Hotaling will deliver them to the Yates Center Chamber when he goes to the SEKRPC meeting on March 1, 2001.

- 12.** Item No. 97-5; Hotaling received the final payment from Terox for the county loan. The loan is paid in full 32 months early.
- 13.** Item No. 97-6; Hotaling finalized the agreement with MAMTC for a seminar entitled “Lean Manufacturing” to be offered to the Coffey County Manufacturer’s Association members on March 28, 2001.
- 14.** Item No. 97-8; Commissioner Fred Rowley and Hotaling met with Wendell Tucker and Lewis Lenard to discuss the operations at Rock Creek Woodworks.
- 15.** Item No. 98-6; Hotaling attended the Southeast Kansas, Inc. Planning Retreat in Kansas City.
- 16.** Hotaling sent information on Coffey County Economic Development loans to a business that is relocating. The company may request a small loan to cover the cost of relocating and renovating the building they will be renting.
- 17.** Hotaling attended the K-State Leadership Excellence and Dynamic Solutions training in Chanute with Martha Newkirk, City of Burlington, and Rita Dawson, Coffey Coffey County Extension Office. The training session was cut short by a hailstorm and freezing rain.
- 18.** Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. for 10 minutes to include each of the Commissioners, the Economic Development Director and the County Attorney to discuss matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 19.** The Board resumed regular session at 10:50 a.m.
- 20.** Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, presented the weekly report dated February 26, 2001. John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, was also present. The County Engineer was ill.
- 21.** Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: One Road Permit was issued during the past week.
- 22.** Item No.99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
- 23.** Item No. 2001; Equipment Purchase: Bid Tab attached.

	<b>Caldwell Burlington</b>	<b>Miley Emporia</b>
<b>Make</b>	John Deere	John Deere
<b>Model</b>	6410	6410
<b>Year</b>	2001	2001
<b>Basic Price Bid For Two</b>	\$103,562.00	\$127,664.00
<b>Less Government Discount For Two</b>	\$ 12,166.00	- 0 -
<b>Trade-in Allowance – (TR-08) 1988 JD 2755 SN 637175</b>	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 29,597.00
<b>Trade-in Allowance – (TR-11) 1988 JD 2755 SN 637178</b>	\$ 11,900.00	\$ 30,597.00
<b>Delivered Price with Trade-ins</b>	\$ 68,396.00	\$ 67,470.00
<b>Warranty Terms of New Unit</b>	24 mo. 2,000 Hours	24 mo. 2,000 Hours
<b>Delivery Date</b>	6/2001	7/2001

**23 a.** Sleezer moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval of the County Attorney, to find that two (2) John Deere Tractors, Model 2755, Serial Nos. 637175 and 6317178 (Highway Department Numbers TR-08 and TR-11), are no longer required and cannot prudently be used for public purposes of Coffey County, and as such, should be disposed of by trade-in to Caldwell Implement Company, Burlington, KS, for \$11,100.00 and \$11,900.00 respectively. Notice of the Board's intent to dispose of such property by trade-in sale was published on January 30, 2001; February 6, 2001; and February 13, 2001, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

**23 b.** Sipe moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval of the County Attorney, to accept the bid from Caldwell Implement, Co., Burlington, KS, as being the best bid and purchase two (2) John Deer Tractors, Model 6410, at a total cost of \$68,396.00, after trade-in and government discounts, with funds to come from Road and Bridge Funds, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

**24.** Item No. 2001-06; Long-Scott Creek Watershed District #93: Review and sign Flowage Easement.

**24 a.** Sipe moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to approve the Flowage Easement with Long-Scott Creek Watershed District #93 to permit temporary detention water from the flood retarding dam proposed for construction in the W1/2 of Section 34, Township 19S, Range 16E to inundate approximately 650 feet of 23<sup>rd</sup> Road and 485 feet of Reaper Road, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

**25.** Steve Lightle, Coffey County Housing Authority Director, met with the Board for the Public Hearing of a CDBG Grant.

- 25a.** Rowley moved to open a public comments hearing related to 2001 Community Development Block Grant program concerning the county-wide home rehabilitation project, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 26.** The Chairman called for questions or comments from the public. No public persons were present for the hearing. Lightle commented this is a County-wide program to rehabilitate approximately 25 homes. The Grant is in the amount of \$150,000.00 with matching funds of \$50,000.
- 26a.** Sleezer moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.
- 27.** Commissioner Merry advised the Board he would be attending the NACo conference later this week. His committee would be focusing on utilities and energy issues and asked if other Board members had any comments or concerns.
- 28.** The Board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.
- 29.** Chairman Merry called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.
- 30.** The Board examined, questioned and signed Warrants and Vouchers for the month of February 2001.
- 31.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, met with the Board to discuss his proposed Employment Agreement.
- 31 a.** Sipe moved to approve a 3-year Employment Agreement for Jon Hotaling, Economic Development, effective June 1, 2001 until May 31, 2004, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 32.** Sleezer moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the letter to Coffey County Fire District No. 1 regarding Lyon County Fire District No. 5, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 33.** Sipe moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:27 p.m., seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### Response Required

1. Richard Jackson – Letter of 1-19-01 regarding funding.
2. Jennifer Cole, After Prom Chairman – Waverly Public Schools – request for After Prom funds.

Response Not Required

3. KDHE – Letter and flyers regarding “The Kansas Clean Sweep Mercury Collections” program.
4. City of Burlington Minutes of 2-7-01.
5. Supreme Court of Kansas – Annual Report of activities of Judicial Branch of government during Fiscal 2000.
6. KAC – Legislative Bulletins dated 2-16-01; 2-21-01 and 2-23-01.
7. KDHE – Kansas State Solid Waste Management Plan 2000 – Notice of availability.
8. Kansas Preservation – Newsletter, January – February 2001.
9. KDEM – Newsletter, winter 2001.
10. Family of Jane Knapp – Thank you.
11. Whitney Damron – Legislative Update, 2-26-01 and Topeka Capital Journal Article.
12. City of Lebo – Minutes 1-8-01.

Minutes, March 26, 2001

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk