

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2001, to individually review correspondence. Vice-Chairman Tim Sipe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members 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. Chairman Gene Merry was absent due to another commitment. WCNOC Representative Cassie Burgio and Coffey County Republican Editor Mark Petterson were present for part of the meeting.

2. Rowley moved to approve the minutes of February 26, 2001 as written, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Upon the recommendation of the County Sheriff, approve the contribution of \$250.00 to the Waverly After-Prom Committee, with funds to come from the Special Law Enforcement Fund.

B. Move to approve the contribution of \$500.00 to the Burlington After-Prom Committee, with funds to come from the Special Parks and Recreation Fund.

C. Move to authorize and direct the Vice-Chairman to sign five Orders for Refund of Taxes in the amount of \$1,108.73.

No. 4475 payable to Keith D. Kelly in the amount of \$142.87 for the year 2000.

Reason: Exempted three trailers – Doc #2000-9841-TX.

No. 4476 payable to N.J. Cotter in the amount of \$50.48 for the year 2000.

Reason: Exempted trailer – Doc #2000-9814-TX.

No. 4477 payable to Glen Hatch in the amount of \$24.74 for the year 2000.

Reason: Exempted trailers – Doc #2000-10026-TX.

No. 4478 payable to Associates Leasing, Inc. in the amount of \$507.54 for the year 2000.

Reason: 1999 UD is aka 1999 Pick-up tagged 12M – take off.

No. 4479 payable to Mark E. Prindle in the amount of \$383.10 for the year 2000.

Reason: 1987 Bayliner 2450 23' boat, motor and trailer sold 3/15/99.

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

4. Rowley moved to authorize and direct the Vice-Chairman to sign one Order for Refund of Taxes.

No. 4480 payable to the City of Lebo, in the amount of \$2,311.34, for the year 2000.

Reason: Exempted for city use, seconded by Crofts. Motion carried.

- 5.** Rowley moved to recess into Executive Session at 9:09 a.m. for 10 minutes to include all Commissioners present and the County Attorney to discuss matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 6.** The Board resumed regular session at 9:19 a.m.
- 7.** Rowley moved, upon the recommendation of the County Attorney, to authorize and direct the County Attorney to send a notice of default and demand for payment to Rock Creek Woodworks, L.L.C., its principals and guarantors, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 8.** Rowley asked about the history of Bree Drive, located in the commercial/industrial area in the north part of Lebo just south of Interstate 35. Rowley said, due to the poor condition of the truck parking area and not being able to distinguish between Bree Drive and the rock lot, the owner of a business is asking if something could be done to possibly mark the street, (i.e. berm) to possibly keep the trucks on the street except when parking. The County Engineer was asked to bring a map of the area for discussion when he gives his weekly report later this morning.
- 9.** Sleezer moved to enter into a public hearing regarding the disposal of one 1995 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4, commonly known as Unit #54, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 10.** No public persons were present to question or comment on the disposal.
- 10 a.** Sleezer moved to close the public hearing regarding the disposal of one 1995 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4, commonly known at Unit #54, seconded by Crofts. Motion carried.
- 10 b.** Rowley moved, upon the recommendation of the County Sheriff and approval of the County Attorney, to find that one (1) 1995 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4, commonly known as Unit #54, is no longer required and cannot prudently be used for public purposes of Coffey County, and as such, should be disposed of by trade-in sale to Crow-Moddie Ford, Burlington, KS, for \$2,700.00, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 11.** Sipe moved, upon the recommendation of the County Sheriff and approval of the County Attorney, to accept the bid of Crow-Moddie Ford, Burlington, Kansas, as being the best bid and purchase one (1) year 2002 Ford Explorer, at a total cost of \$24,245.00, after trade-in and discounts, with funds to come from the Sheriff's Department year 2001 budget, seconded by Crofts. Motion carried.

12. The Board discussed several road conditions including 1st Road on the Woodson County line between Oxen and Reaper. This matter will be discussed with the County Engineer today.

13. Todd Bemis, Noxious Weed Director, met with the Board to discuss the cost share chemical program for Noxious Weed. Also discussed were certain budget items. The Board will wait until after the Annual Noxious Weed Conference, which starts tomorrow (3-6-01), before making a decision to change the cost share program. The County Attorney was directed to draft a statement to be signed by Noxious Weed program participants stating that the cost share Noxious Weed chemicals purchased will be used in Coffey County.

14. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, was unable to attend the Board meeting, but did turn in his weekly report.

15. Item No. 95-3; Hotaling received calls from 3 different parties interested in purchasing equipment from the County Critters operation. Hotaling is keeping names and numbers on file to call back when a liquidation date is set.

16. Item No. 95-9; Hotaling completed and mailed Strategic Planning Committee agendas for the March 7th meeting at the Coffey County Hospital. Hotaling did not receive any recommendations for the revisions to the 2001 Strategic Plan for Economic Development from any Advisory Council members. The 2001 plan will be adopted at the March 7th meeting.

17. Item No. 95-25; Hotaling met with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Coffey County Republican to discuss possible advertising plans to promote tourism in Coffey County. The next 3 months are the best to advertise and promote for summer travel and day trips. Hotaling also met with Leonard Jirak to discuss the preliminary plans of the Governor's Classic Committee to set-up a two-day tournament at Coffey County city lakes the weekend before the Governor's Classic Tournament at Coffey County Lake. Hotaling sent letters to the mayors of Lebo, New Strawn, and Gridley outlining the preliminary plans for the tournament.

18. Item No. 97-6; Hotaling completed agendas for Coffey County Manufacturer's Association (CCMA) meeting to be held at the Coffey County Hospital on March 4th. Hotaling finalized the agreement with MAMTC for a seminar entitled "Lean Manufacturing" to be held in conjunction with CCMA on March 28, 2001 at New Eagle Communications, Inc. in New Strawn. Hotaling completed the flyers and registration forms for the seminar to be mailed out with the agendas.

19. Item No. 98-6; Hotaling attended SEKRPC Executive Committee meeting in Chanute. Hotaling discussed SEKRPC loan fund availability for a Coffey County business.

20. Item No. 98-10; Hotaling continued communication with SEK, Inc. Director Mike Mabrey and Whitney Damron, P.A. about Senate Bill 146 that would expand the enterprise zone retail sales tax exemption to areas outside city limits in counties with 10,000 or less population.
21. Item No. 00-2; Hotaling attended the 21st Century Community Learning Center Advisory Council meeting. Hotaling said many excellent activities are being lined up for the summer. The movie theater is working with the 21st Century Community Learning Center to have a summer movie schedule with a movie every week, possibly on Friday afternoons at a reduced rate. Businesses can help sponsor the movies and receive mention on the program flyers and other advertising.
22. Hotaling met with an out-of-state business owner that may have an interest in the former Green Light building at the end of the Country Critters building.
23. Elysa Lovelady, Coffey County Appraiser, met with the Board to discuss a GIS contract.
- 23 a. Sleezer moved, upon the recommendation of the County Appraiser and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to authorize and direct the Vice-Chairman to sign the proposal to edge match Coffey County's 400' scale map with 100' scale map parcels, at a cost of \$6,350.00, with funds to come from the GIS Reserve Fund, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
24. Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, presented the weekly report dated March 5, 2001. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present. Caspar also presented the Work Order Inquiry Report.
25. Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: No Road Permits were issued during the past week.
26. Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
27. Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Notice from KDHE of Public Comment Period for Landfill Lateral Expansion Modification **[was included with the Engineer's report].**
28. Item No. 2000-15; Courthouse Lighting – Project No. 2000-Court: **[Zuern reported the electrician is on site today doing cleanup, the Courtroom is completed and all that remains on the lighting project are some finishing touches.]**
29. Item No. 2001-01; Equipment Purchase: Request authorization to solicit sealed bids for one (1) pickup for the Road Supervisor upon approval of the specifications by the Equipment Committee. There will be no trade-in as the Sheriff's Department would like to utilize the old truck for use at the Coffey County Lake.

30. Crotts moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to authorize the Road Supervisor to work with the Vehicle Specifications Committee to review specifications for one 2001 ¾ ton, 4x4, extended cab pick up truck, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

31. The County Attorney requested a 5 minute Executive Session.

31 a. Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 11:06 a.m. for 5 minutes to include each of the Commissioners present, the County Attorney, the County Engineer, and the Road Supervisor to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

32. The Board resumed regular session at 11:11 a.m.

33. Item No. 2001-07; Dust Control Program for 2001: Review and approve Dust Control Program for 2001.

33 a. Rowley moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to approve the Dust Control Program for 2001 as presented, using Liquid Magnesium Chloride and charging \$0.60 per running foot, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

34. Caspar presented a map of Bree Drive for discussion and clarification of the exact location of the street. After further discussion, the Board agreed to apply dust control on Bree Drive, which is County property and would also apply dust control on the parking lot at the owner's expense if the owner wants it. Rowley will report back to the business inquiring about what could be done.

35. Caspar also presented HB No. 2369 which deals with a city or county selling or providing paving material to another city or county. This bill would have a negative effect on our intergovernmental agreements with cities. The County Attorney was directed to contact our lobbyist about the bill, which has passed in the House of Representatives.

36. The County Attorney was also asked to draft a letter, for Chairman Merry's signature, regarding Demand Transfers.

37. Sleezer moved to authorize the County Engineer to rock 1st Road between Oxen and Reaper, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

38. Rowley moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m., seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Required

1. BHS After Prom Committee – Request for donation.

Response Not Required

2. City of Lebo – Letter and Accounting of 2000 Park and Recreation Funds.
3. City of Lebo – Letter and Accounting of 2000 City Infrastructure Funds
4. KDOCH – Newsletter – Spring 2001, Vol. 3, No. 3
5. Senator Jim Barnett – Letter regarding HB2034
6. KAC Legislative Bulletin – Vol. 8, March 2, 2001.
7. Whitney Damron – Article Topeka Capital Journal
Minutes, March 5, 2001

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk