

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 18, 2002, 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, Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer and County Attorney Doug Witteman. WCNOC Representative Jeannene Ryan was present for part of the meeting.

2. Sipe moved to approve the minutes of March 11th and March 14th 2002, as written, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign 3 Orders for Tax Refunds in the amount of \$183.14.

No. 4601 payable to Waverly Buy Rite in the amount of \$92.94 for the year 2001.

Reason: Sold bus 7/3/2000 to Waverly Market Inc. Sheriff warrant #95 – take off 2001.

No. 4602 payable to Andrew Russo in the amount of \$21.22 for the year 2001.

Reason: Sold boat 8/15/2000.

No. 4603 payable to Vicki Norman in the amount of \$68.98 for the year 2001.

Reason: Took off boat – was sold in 1999.

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

4. Crotts moved, upon the request of the Coffey County Housing Authority Board and the recommendation of the County Attorney, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Real Estate Mortgage Release, acknowledging satisfaction in full debt secured by Stacy L. True, regarding Lots Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17), and the South Eight feet of Lot Eighteen, in Block Twenty-nine (29), in the City of LeRoy, Kansas, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

5. Sleezer moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Letter Agreement between Terra World and Coffey County regarding antennae placement on the County tower, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

6. Sipe moved to approve the Agreement for Sale of Commercial Real Property between Roger K. Hoyt and Lori A. Hoyt and the Board of Coffey County Commissioners regarding property commonly known as the Bargain Center, located at 212 Neosho Street, Burlington, Ks, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

7. Randy Rogers, Coffey County Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss the bids for a recorder system at the Sheriff's Department. Bids submitted:

Commenco, Inc.	\$32,340.00
Travis Voice & Data, Inc.	\$40,500.00
Voice Products, Inc.	\$41,882.00

7 a. The Sheriff recommended Commenco as the best bid.

7 b. Rowley moved, upon the recommendation of the Sheriff and approval of the County Attorney, that the bid submitted by Commenco for a 911 recording system be approved as the best bid, that award be made to Commenco, and that a 911 recording system be purchased according to the terms of the bid at a cost of \$32,340.00 with \$15,000.00 to come from the Emergency Telephone Fund and \$17,340.00 to come from Courthouse General Capital Outlay Line, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

8. Rogers also reported he has a meeting at 10:30 a.m. today regarding Coffey County Lake security.

9. Charles Huff, Coffey County Council on Aging, met with the Board to discuss additional funding for the Council on Aging to run the public transportation on Saturday afternoon and evening. Huff said the Council on Aging Board and the Transportation Committee recommended the proposal. This would be for a 13-week trial period.

9 a. Merry moved to approve funding the proposed Saturday transportation for 13 weeks at a cost of \$130.00 per Saturday for the Coffey County Council on Aging as long as logs were strictly kept, funds to come from Courthouse General Contractual Services with payment of the funds to be made at the end of the trial run, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried, 4-yes 1-no, Rowley.

9 b. The Board suggested that Huff update them regularly on how the Saturday busing is working.

10. Bill Walker, Coffey County Fire District No. 1 Administrator, met with the Board to discuss the burn ban which was put into effect at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2002. Walker said they have had a 90% reduction in grass fires since the burn ban went into effect.

10 a. Merry moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign an Extension of a Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for the County of Coffey, proclaiming a burn ban for the entire County due to extreme dry conditions, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried, 4-yes, 1-no, Sipe.

11. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented and discussed the weekly report for the week of March 11th to March 15th, 2002.

12. Item No. 95-3; Hotaling showed the Country Critters buildings to a possible bidder. The party negotiating with the bank is willing to enter into a 4-month lease agreement for \$250.00 per month if he finalizes a contract to purchase the equipment and inventory with the bank by the end of March.

13. Item No. 95-10; Hotaling finalized agendas for the Coffey County Lake re-opening meeting. Representatives from the County, the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, and the Sheriff's office discussed security issues, low water and its affect on boat launching, possible grant funding to deepen areas below ramps, news releases for any change in lake status, economic impact of lake closure, etc., at a meeting held on 3-13-02, at 8 a.m. Some issues remain to be addressed but attendees were hopeful that all issues can be resolved and the lake can re-open for fishing in the near future.

14. Item No. 95-18; Hotaling discussed the New Eagle CDBG loan with the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing attorney. The County may be requested to allow the City of New Strawn to obtain their original collateral position that was lost when their UCC filing was not renewed.

15. Item No. 95-25; Hotaling attended the Governor's Classic Committee meeting. Hotaling will finalize raffle tickets, guides' breakfast, County resident participation forms, etc. Hotaling has received several applications already.

16. Item No. 97-6; Hotaling attended the Coffey County Manufacturer's Association meeting in Madison on 3-13-02. The CCMA members toured the ABZ Manufacturing, Inc. plant in Madison. ABZ manufacturers butterfly valves ranging in size from 2" diameter to 12" diameter. These valves are used in water treatment plants, waste treatment plants, factories, industrial equipment, etc. Robert Hess, from Countertop Trends, L.L.C., arranged the tour and served the group a delicious lunch. The next CCMA meeting will be 4-17-02.

17. Item No. 01-3; Hotaling worked as a tour guide on 3-11-02 at the Artrain exhibition in LeRoy. Hotaling was busy until late afternoon with school students and 21st Century Learning Center children. Hotaling took down the banner from K57 & Hwy 75 Junction. The Artrain Committee thanks Bruce Trimble for allowing them to put the banner on his fence.

18. Item No. 01-4; Hotaling attended a mural board meeting at the Burlington Library. The Waverly mural committee is finalizing a design for their mural and will be contacting Jim Stuke to draw the planned drawing to be used in fund raising efforts and final design revisions. The next mural board meeting will be held in Waverly on 4-23-02.

19. Hotaling met with representatives of Custom Neon Sign Company to inspect the proposed sign location on Hwy 75 about 8 miles south of Burlington. They felt it was an

excellent location. Hotaling will contact the owner about finalizing a sign easement agreement.

20. Hotaling also presented the Loan Fund Reports for February 2002.

21. The County Attorney requested an Executive Session.

21 a. Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 11:00 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 Rowley. Motion carried.

22. The Board resumed regular session at 11:05 a.m.

23. Hub Caspar presented his weekly report dated March 18, 2002. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.

24. Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: Eleven Road Permits were 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. 2002-05; Traffic Study of Intersections: Accident Report has been received from the Kansas Highway Patrol.

27. Item No. 2002-11; Dust Control Program: Review and approve the Dust Control Program for 2002.

27 a. Merry moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to approve the Dust Control Program for 2002 as presented, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

28. Commissioner Sipe will be attending an RC&D meeting at Lawrence tomorrow, March 19, 2002.

29. Crotts moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 a.m., seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Required

1. KDOT – Letter requesting County to prioritize its 5-year plan project list.

Response Optional

2. NRC – Notice of Licensee Meeting
3. Army Corps of Engineers – Special Public Notice

Response Not Required

4. Kansas League of Municipalities – Newsletter 3-15-02
5. Hawver’s Capital Report – 3-11-02; 3-12-02; 3-13-02; 3-14-02; 3-15-02
6. City of New Strawn – Minutes, 2-7-02
7. Coffey County Housing Authority – Minutes 2-21-02
8. Fourth Judicial District – Newsletter, February/March 2002
9. Kansas Association of Counties – Legislative Update March 11, 2002; March 15, 2002 & March 18, 2002
10. Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice 200200913
11. KDOCH – Newsletter, Vol. 4, No. 3
12. Coffey County Fire District No. 1, Minutes of 2-18-02
13. Family of Merle Hammond – Thank you.
14. City of Burlington – Minutes 2-20-02

Minutes, March 18, 2002

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk