

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, April 10, 2006, to allow commissioners to individually review correspondence. Chairman Fred Rowley, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members R. Kraig Kirchner, Tim Sipe, Gene Merry and Larry Crofts present. Also present were Denise Humlicek, Payroll Clerk, Doug Witteman, Coffey County Attorney, and Donna Berland, Administrative Assistant.
2. Merry moved to approve the minutes of Monday, April 03, 2006, as corrected, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried. Paragraph 20., delete “is currently”, replace with “will be”; after “inadequate”, add “after the new dispatch equipment is installed.” Paragraph 21., after “Merry” add “said he”.
3. Susan Mueller, Health Department Director, presented and discussed the Health Department’s monthly report. The Health Department hosted a “Lunch and Learn” for County employees. A healthy lunch was served and educational materials were handed out. Mueller stated that several states had reported outbreaks of mumps, but that Coffey County has had no cases reported. Two employees are participating in the Arthritis Foundation Aquatics Program at the Burlington Recreation Center. The Health Department will be focusing on pandemic flu for the next six months. The Health Department is sponsoring a coloring contest at all County elementary schools.
4. Robert Reed, County Road Supervisor, presented and discussed the weekly report dated April 10, 2006. John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, was also present.
5. Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: 3 Road Permits were issued during the past week.
6. Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
7. Item No. 99-13; LANDFILL: *Request authorization to solicit sealed bids for Landfill Liner Project No. LL2601-C. Bid opening May 17, 2006 @ 2:00 p.m.*
8. Item No. 2005 – 02; WATERSHED DAM BREACH INUNDATION AREA PROTECTION.
9. Item No. 2006-09; PAVING PROJECT: *Request authorization to solicit sealed bids for Hot Mix Pavement – Project No. A2601-C. Bid opening April 18, 2006 @ 2:00 pm.*
10. Item No. 2006-11; PAVEMENT RECYCLING PROJECT: *Request authorization to solicit sealed bids for Hot-in-Place Recycling Project No. A2602-C. Bid opening May 2, 2006.*
11. *Moving Permits: Oversize and Overweight loads.*
12. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, submitted the weekly report for the week of April 10, 2006.
13. Item No. 95-9; Hotaling, attended the Coffey County Strategic Planning meeting

Wednesday, April 5th, at the Coffey County Hospital. Hotaling provided information on a KDOC Business Recruitment Marketing Grant; a Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Expression of Interest letter; a Waverly business expansion; a Kan-Build expansion into the Dream Homes building; the Elected Officials breakfast; and the Coffey County Leadership Graduation.

14. Item No. 95-24; Hotaling participated in Rural Entrepreneurship Roundtable hosted by Network Kansas at Allen County Community College on April 7th. Hotaling provided information on business facilitation seminars and other services provided to entrepreneurs in Coffey County.

15. Item No. 95-29; Hotaling prepared materials for the Leadership Coffey County Youth Program's final session and graduation. Hotaling mailed out invitations and agendas for the graduation dinner and session to students and sponsors. The event will be held Monday, April 17th, at the Coffey County Museum.

16. Item No. 97-7; Hotaling attended a Coffey County Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for Anna Decker's stained glass studio at noon on April 7th.

17. Item No. 98-6; Hotaling attended the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee meeting in Chanute on Thursday, April 6th. SEKRPC staff reported on the Kansas Rural Water Association Annual Conference and the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Policy Conference held in Washington, DC.

18. Item No. 06-1; Hotaling met with Dennis Arnold, Linn & Anderson County Economic Development Director, to review plans for the Tri-County Business Recruitment Marketing Program. Hotaling reviewed the contract with Economic Development Marketing, Inc. and discussed the design of the prospect response web page.

19. Item No. 06-3; Hotaling attended a meeting at the Kan-Build plant in Osage City with Wayne Symmonds, Commission Chairman Fred Rowley and the business owner. Hotaling discussed plans for the Dream Homes building, financing and grant possibilities, employment numbers, etc. After the meeting, Hotaling discussed funding possibilities with the Lebo City Clerk. Hotaling also reviewed possible industrial property near the railroad tracks in Lebo.

20. Hotaling completed the loan report for March 1st to March 31st.

21. Mark Petterson, New Strawn Mayor, sent a letter of request to the Board to request a letter of commitment of funds in support of the City New Strawn to give to Allen County Community College.

21a. Kirchner moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign a letter of commitment of funds for the City of New Strawn for improvements to a commercial building in New Strawn to be leased to Allen County Community College, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

22. Becky Jewett, Emergency Preparedness Director, presented and discussed the Coffey County Emergency Preparedness monthly report.

23. After discussion regarding the Gridley and Lebo sirens, the Board instructed Jewett to deliver Lebo's "Low Band Transmitter" and set up a training time to train all appropriate personnel on the transmitter's useage. The Board also requested that Jewett check with other municipalities to see who works on their sirens and obtain recommendations on companies to contact.

24. Jewett requested a merit increase for an employee in the Emergency Preparedness Department. The Board decided to stay with the approved wage adjustment until a County-wide wage assessment is completed. Administrative Assistant Donna Berland is contacting companies to gather information for the Board regarding wage and staffing assessments.

25. Coffey County Sheriff Randy Rogers, met with the Board to request a merit increase for Jerry Headley, Officer Supervisor. Headley was moved into the supervisory position in 2001 and has not received a merit increase since. Headley's wages are falling behind those he supervises. The Board will approve the Sheriff's CP5 to include a 4% increase. The increase includes a 3% wage adjustment and 1% merit raise. Rogers also informed the Board that the Communications Center will have the radio equipment in a separate room and that the heating and cooling would be reassessed at that time.

26. Merry moved to approve entering into a 6 month agreement to provide fee technology services to the Coffey County Library on an as-available-basis and contingent upon a contractual agreement being approved, as to form, by the County Attorney and the Coffey County Library Board and to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the same upon approval, seconded by Rowley. 4-Yes, 1-No, Kirchner. Motion carried.

27. The Board will sign checks and vouchers on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 8:30 a.m..

28. Rowley adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Correspondence

No Response Required

1. Hawver's Capitol Flash - April 5, 7, 2006
2. Whitney B. Damron - Newspaper Articles of Interest
3. Whitney B. Damron - Legislative Update - April 1, 2006
4. City of Burlington - Regular Session Minutes - March 15, 2006
5. Kansas Department of Health & Environment Household Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal
6. League of Kansas Municipalities News - April 4, 2006
7. NACo Legislative Action - April 4, 2006
8. The Kiplinger Letter - March 31, 2006

Minutes, April 10, 2006

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk

