

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, April 16, 2007, to allow commissioners to individually review correspondence. Chairman Tim Sipe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Larry Crotts, Fred Rowley, Jr., Kimberly Robrahn and Bob Saueressig present. Also present were Denise Humlicek, Payroll Clerk, Donna Berland, Administrative Assistant and Doug Witteman, County Attorney.

2. Crotts moved to approve the minutes of Monday, April 9, 2007, as corrected, seconded by Robrahn. Motion carried. Corrections are; 3a. delete "amended", replace with 'written'.

**3. Consent Agenda**

A. Moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Brenton Sleezer, New Hire, Full-time, Noxious Weed Dept., Chemical Operator, M-III-a(-), \$12.05/hr.

3a. Robrahn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as written, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

4. Wolf Creek President, Rick Meunch, met with the Board to give an update on Wolf Creek activities. Meunch began by thanking the County for their continued support of Wolf Creek. A comprehensive review attended by County representatives, FEMA, the NRC, Homeland Security and the FBI went well and the FBI commended Wolf Creek and the County on having one of the best relationships they have seen during a review. Meunch also attended the Elected Official's Breakfast and was impressed with the County's creativity and commitment to the community. Meunch stated that the plant passed a five (5) month continuous run, since the last refuel outage. Wolf Creek has also reached six and one half million hours without a loss time accident. The last loss time accident was in December of 2003. Wolf Creek has recently completed an early retirement and voluntary leave from the company Incentive Program. At this time, approximately seventy (70) employees have voluntarily left the company. By year end, Wolf Creek expects to employ approximately 928 employees. This is down from 1,022 before the Incentive Programs were initiated. Meunch also stated that Wolf Creek is considering being involved in the Special Olympics program and requested support from the County. The Board indicated that they would be interested in being involved with the Special Olympics program.

5. Wayne Blackbourn, Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly report dated April 16, 2007.

6. Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: Two Road Permits were issued during the past week.

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

**8.** Item No. 2007-11; Vehicle Purchase: Request authorization to solicit sealed bids for one (1) County Engineer vehicle.

**8a.** Rowley moved to approve the County Engineer's request to solicit sealed bids for one (1) County Engineer vehicle, seconded by Saueressig. Motion carried.

**9.** Item No. 2007-12; BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMIT POSTING: Review and approve Resolution No. 655E.

**9a.** Rowley moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to approve Resolution No. 655E; ESTABLISHING THE WEIGHT LIMITATION FOR CERTAIN BRIDGES IN COFFEY COUNTY, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

**10.** Blackburn also presented the Construction Zone report for the week of April 16, 2007.

**11.** Blackburn presented a report from Solid Waste for the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> thru April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Solid Waste:	165.86 tons
Special Waste:	none
Construction Debris:	27.95 tons
Brush:	none
Metal:	0.66 tons
Tire Total:	2
Passenger:	2
Truck:	0
Equipment:	0
Appliances:	0
Weekly Income:	\$3,715.68

**12.** Saueressig moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:04 a.m. for 10 minutes, to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney and the County Engineer, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Robrahn. Motion carried.

**13.** The Board resumed regular session at 10:14 a.m.

**14.** Blackburn also presented the Board with an estimate for improving the gravel surface on Lebo Lake Road.

**15.** John Zuern informed the Board that the Health Department, the Register of Deed's office and the Engineer's office had budgeted for new carpet this year. Zuern inquired if the Commission and any other departments were interested in purchasing

carpet to assist in keeping prices down. The Board asked Zuern to get a bid with and without the commission room included and to check with the other Department Heads as to their plans.

**16.** Item No. 95-9; Hotaling completed and mailed out the Strategic Planning Committee meeting agendas for the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Hotaling attended the meeting and provided information on business prospects. Hotaling also attended the We-Kan Conference, the NRC meeting, the K-State Leadership Seminar, and the Elected Official's Breakfast.

**17.** Item No. 95-24; Hotaling attended the Kansas State University's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Seminar, "Intergenerational Leadership, Bridging the Gap Between Generations". Speakers included Ron Prince, K-State Football Coach; Jim Richardson, contributing editor and photographer for "National Geographic" magazine; and Jeffrey Cufaude, of Idea Architects.

**18.** Item No. 95-24; Hotaling attended the Kansas Sampler Foundation "We Kan" conference in Salina. The conference featured training in the use of Explorer Tourism as a community development tool. The training featured sessions on each of the eight rural cultural elements, architecture, art, commerce, cuisine, customs, geography, history, and people. Other communities shared success stories on marketing and developing Explorer Tourism.

**19.** Item No. 98-6; Hotaling attended the SEKRPC Executive Committee meeting in Chanute. Hotaling spoke to the committee about the possibility of a small loan for a Coffey County business. Hotaling obtained extra copies of the SEKRPC loan application forms for a bank that is working with a Coffey County business on financing for a new building. The financing package could be 2/3 from the bank and 1/3 from SEKRPC and/or Coffey County.

**20.** Item No. 00-1; Hotaling completed an employee review and the CP-5 personnel budget form for the remaining months of 2007.

**21.** Item No. 04-3; Hotaling is working with the Mayor of Burlington and Wendell Wells of Charloma to set up a meeting to discuss a water tank at the Charloma facility and to complete a renewal of property tax abatement for Charloma as specified in the City of Burlington's tax exemption policy.

**22.** Item No. 05-4; Hotaling spoke with a call center vendor about the progress by the state in making a decision on which vendor will receive the state contract. The vendor believes it has been narrowed down to two communities and that Burlington is one of the communities. That means the Burlington vendor is in the final two being considered by the state. The vendor feels a decision will be made in the next two weeks.

- 23.** Hotaling mailed out information and reminders for the Elected Official's Networking Breakfast. Hotaling hosted the breakfast on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Coffey County Hospital.
- 24.** Hotaling completed the loan report for the period of March 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. All accounts are current on payments.
- 25.** Hotaling discussed business loan possibilities with a local business consultant and reviewed possibilities of funding from SBA, SEKRPC, Coffey County, and Network Kansas.
- 26.** Hotaling discussed a tourism sign rental agreement with Phil Griffin of Country Haven Inn. Griffin was able to re-negotiate the rental fee down by almost 50%.
- 27.** Hotaling discussed funding assistance for the Coffey County Museum to publish a cookbook in conjunction with Burlington's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration.
- 28.** Hotaling received information that the final mailing for the Business Recruitment Grant received from the Kansas Department of Commerce will be completed over the next 30 days. When this campaign is completed, 10,000 small manufacturers and warehousing operations will have been e-mailed information on the advantages of locating or expanding to Coffey, Anderson or Linn Counties. Out of the 6,600 businesses already contacted, 20 businesses requested additional information and one visited the area. The final campaign will target small manufacturers in the Chicago and Kansas City areas.
- 29.** Crotts moved, based upon the recommendation of the Housing Authority Director, to waive the landfill fees for the demolition of the following properties, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried. Coffey County Housing Authority will be obtaining bids for demolition of these properties.

<b>LeRoy</b>	<b>Aliceville</b>	<b>Gridley</b>	<b>Burlington</b>
2035 12 <sup>th</sup> Rd	928 Wayside	742 4 <sup>th</sup> Rd	1317 Neosho
625 C Street			1414 Des Moines
			902 Hudson
			954 Lynx Road

- 30.** Rowley and Saueressig have been working with Tasha Rogers, 911 Administrator, on siren issues and checking into the availability of other vendors to give guidance. Rogers checked with the Federal government and found that Commenco and Blue Valley are the vendors of choice for Kansas. Rogers is attending a meeting today and will have an update at a later time.
- 31.** Rowley moved to offer to reimburse the City of Lebo for the cost of rock for Lebo City Lake Road, not to exceed \$3,500.00 on a one time basis, with funds to come from

the Economic Development Special Expenditures Line Item, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

32. The Board will sign warrants and vouchers on Wednesday, April 25, 2007.

33. Sipe adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

### **Correspondence**

#### No Response Required

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District - Public Workshop - April 16, 2007
2. Recycling in Kansas Newsletter - April, May, June 2007 edition - April 11, 2007
3. Burlington City Council Special Session Minutes of March 15, 17, 2007 - April 10, 2007
4. Burlington City Council Regular Session Minutes of March 21, 2007 - April 10, 2007
5. The Kiplinger Letter - March 30, 2007 - April 16, 2007
6. Whitney Damron - Legislative Update - April 9, 2007
7. Whitney Damron - The Senate Report - April 13, 2007
8. Whitney Damron - Articles of interest - April 16, 2007
9. League of Kansas Municipalities Publication - Legislative Alert - April 13, 2007
10. City of Waverly - Accounting of 2006 Park and Recreation/Infrastructure Funds - April 11, 2007

Minutes, April 16, 2007

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk