

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 1, 2000, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Tim Sipe, Johnnie Sleezer, Bill Knapp, and Perry Powell present. County Clerk Vernon Birk, County Attorney Doug Witteman and Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer were also present. Tom Moreau, WCNOC Representative, was also present for part of the meeting.

2. Knapp moved to approve the minutes of April 24, 2000, as corrected, seconded by Powell. Motion carried. Corrections were: April 24, 2000, paragraph 8 a, delete duplicate "seconded by Powell".

3. Sleezer moved to approve the minutes of April 26, 2000, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried, 4-yes, 1-abstained, Knapp. Commissioner Knapp was unable to attend the meeting due to another appointment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign two Orders for Refund of Taxes in the amount of \$93.34.

No. 4366 in the amount of \$13.92 payable to Ronald Freund for the year 1999.

Reason: Pay under protest hearing on 1976 Ford 250 is only vehicle on 1337A.

No. 4367 in the amount of \$79.42 payable to Levern Love for the year 1999.

Reason: Exempted 1989 flatbed trailer and 1998 load GN trailer, Doc #1999-9629-TX.

B. Upon the recommendation of the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign a listing of members appointed to the Coffey County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

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

5. Becky Jewett, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, presented and discussed her monthly report for April.

6. Carol Lehmann, LeRoy, visited with the Board regarding dust control on the road in front of their residence. Mrs. Lehman said the dust control the County is using now, in place of the asphalt, does not work. The product currently used is magnesium chloride. She also inquired if there are other options available. The Board said they would confer with the County Engineer on this matter. Mrs. Lehmann also inquired whether it was a legal requirement to place signs when there was a change in pavement. The County Attorney was checking into the matter.

7. Susan Mueller, County Health Administrator, requested a 30-day extension for temporary employee Joyce Kruger.

- 7 a.** Sleezer moved, upon the recommendation of the Health Administrator, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for a 30-day extension of temporary employment of Joyce Kruger, seconded by Knapp. Motion carried.
- 8.** The Board reviewed and discussed the bidding of the property insurance.
- 8 a.** Sipe moved to approve version 2 of the Request for Proposal of insurance coverage and to advertise the same for two consecutive weeks, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 9.** Ron and Ginger Hazlett, Broken Wheel Ranch and Zoo, located west of Burlington at 720 12th Road, visited with the Board about the zoo. Mr. Hazlett said financially the two of them can no longer continue to operate the zoo. They asked if the County would consider taking over the zoo before they start getting rid of the animals. The Board indicated they did not see this as a feasible project.
- 10.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented and explained his weekly report for the week of April 24th to April 28th, 2000.
- 11.** Item No. 95-9; Hotaling completed and mailed out agendas for Coffey County Strategic Planning Committee to be held on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 12 noon in the Hospital Conference Room. The Annual Elected Officials Networking Breakfast was held at Rock Creek Country Club on Tuesday, April 25th. About 30 officials including Mayors from Lebo, Burlington, LeRoy and City Administrator from Waverly, all three Superintendents, three County Commissioners, State Representative Stan Dreher and other elected officials and administrators attended.
- 12.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling attended the Kansas Cavalry Regional Luncheon in Great Bend. Hotaling worked the Kansas Cavalry booth and called on industrial prospects at the 3I Show in Great Bend.
- 13.** Item No. 97-7; Hotaling attended the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce Community Feedback Luncheon at the Burlington Library. Mostly everyone in attendance provided feedback on Chamber activities and future plans. Membership is growing and the number of visitors to the Caboose is also increasing. Requests for information on Coffey County have been received from Germany, Spain, England, and several other foreign countries. Hotaling attended Coffey County Chamber Senior Night at Rock Creek Country Club. Teacher of the year, Darla Mallein, was the speaker.
- 14.** Hotaling completed resolutions and an application for renewal of the Coffey County Non-Metropolitan Enterprise Zone designation through the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing. Hotaling will attend the Burlington City Council meeting to review the application and the city resolution required. Nine copies of the renewal application were provided to the City Clerk and the Coffey County Administrative Coordinator.

15. Hotaling attended the City of Lebo's Comprehensive Plan Meeting Monday night. Data, maps, numbers, etc. have been completed. Hotaling discussed positive aspects and negative aspects to assist in developing goals, objectives and strategies. The number one issue was lack of affordable housing and affordable rental housing. Other issues included the lack of a grocery store, the need for a community building, utilities extensions, and industrial development.

16. Hotaling reviewed the financing package and application for IRB's submitted by an out-of-state prospect. Hotaling conferred with Ray Barmby on the financial data and the feasibility of IRB financing for the prospect.

17. Sleezer moved, upon the recommendation of the Economic Development Director and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to adopt Resolution No. 676, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THAT A REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS REQUIRED BY K.S.A. 74-50-116(c)(1), FOR THE PURPOSE OF QUALIFYING THE SOUTHEAST KANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE COUNTIES OF ALLEN, ANDERSON, BOURBON, CHEROKEE, COFFEY, CRAWFORD, LABETTE, LINN, MONTGOMERY, NEOSHO, WILSON AND WOODSON AS A DESIGNATED NON-METROPOLITAN BUSINESS REGION, seconded by Powell. Motion carried.

18. Sipe moved, upon the recommendation of the Economic Development Director and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to adopt Resolution No. 677 RECONFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE QUALIFYING STRATEGIC PLAN AND REQUESTING THAT THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND HOUSING REAPPROVE THE COUNTY OF COFFEY AS A KANSAS ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATED NON-METROPOLITAN BUSINESS REGION, seconded by Powell. Motion carried.

19. Sipe moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:54 a.m. for 10 minutes to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the Economic Development Director to discuss confidential matters related to financial affairs or trade secrets of a corporation and/or partnership, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

20. The Board resumed regular session at 11:04 a.m.

21. Hub Caspar, County Engineer, Robert Reed, Road and Bridge Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, presented the weekly report dated May 1, 2000.

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

23. Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: One Zoning Permit was issued during the past week.

24. Item No. 2000-07; No Till Drill: No bids received on April 26, 2000. Request authorization to solicit quotations for a 3 point No Till Drill with Native Grass Seed attachment. **Caspar was directed to proceed with the request to solicit quotes for a 3 point No Till Drill**

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25. Item No. 2000-24; Bridge Steel: Request authorization to advertise and receive sealed bids for Structural Steel for Bridges 7, 40, 350, and 351.

25 a. Knapp moved to authorize the County Engineer to advertise and receive sealed bids for structural steel for bridges 7, 40, 350, and 351, seconded by Powell. Motion carried.

26. Sleezer moved, upon the approval of the County Attorney as to form, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Consulting Agreement with Latimer, Sommers and Associates and to initial the change to Article 7, Limitation of Liability, for the relighting of the Coffey County Courthouse, at a cost of \$10,100.00, with funds to come from Courthouse General-Capital Outlay line, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

27. Caspar will be attending a waste tire forum on May 17, 2000 at Salina, Kansas.

28. Knapp moved to recess into Executive Session at 11:53 a.m. for 5 minutes to include each of the Commissioners and the County Attorney to discuss matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

29. The Board resumed regular session at 11:58 a.m.

30. Sipe moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 noon, seconded by Knapp. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Mandatory

1. KDOT - Letter requesting County to prioritize its (FY2001 - 2005) Five-Year Plan Project List and to submit New Project Requests

Response Optional

2. KPERS - Letter regarding selected individuals to serve on Retirement Systems Employer Council

Response Not Necessary

3. Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation Annual Report

4. Verlin Conkle - Letter regarding a tour of "May Daze", a tour of the upstairs of downtown buildings

5. KUTC Newsletter - Winter 2000

6. City of Gridley - minutes - April 17, 2000
7. Coffey County Hospital - Board Minutes - March 27, 2000
8. Park and Recreation Trades - Vol. 7, No. 4, April 2000

Minutes, May 1, 2000

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk