

- 1.** The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 7, 2001, 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, County Attorney Doug Witteman and Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer. WCNOC Representative Jeannene Ryan and The Coffey County Republican Editor Mark Petterson were present for part of the meeting.
- 2.** Sipe moved to approve the minutes of April 30, 2001 as submitted, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 3.** Sleezer moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the memorandum to Department Heads regarding Pay Plan Adjustment for Calendar Year 2002, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.
- 4.** Sipe moved, upon the recommendation of the Copier Committee and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to approve the Invitation to Bid for copiers, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 5.** The Board discussed a class action lawsuit currently in progress regarding fuel tanks on General Motor's trucks. The Board directed the County Attorney to review the status of the suit.
- 6.** Becky Jewett, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, presented and discussed the monthly report for the month of April. The Board discussed a battery backup for the color weather radar equipment and directed Jewett to look in to the cost, etc. and report back to the Board.
- 7.** Steve Lightle, Coffey County Housing Authority Director, met with the Board to discuss the lead-based paint issue. Lightle presented a letter from Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.) apologizing that due to an overwhelming response to the Lead-Base Paint Remodelers and Renovators Training, they are unable to register any more for training and no more classes have been scheduled. Lightle said none of his contractors are trained in handling lead-based products at this point and Coffey County Housing Authority has lots of rehabilitation projects that could be done.
- 7 a.** Following further discussion, Rowley moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to prepare and send two letters, one to Randy Speaker, Department of Commerce and Housing, and one to each of the U.S. Congressional Delegates concerning lead-based paint, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 8.** Randy Rogers, Coffey County Sheriff, met with the Board to request waiving the advertising process for a Deputy New Hire Position.
- 8 a.** Sleezer moved, upon the recommendation of the Sheriff and approval of the County Attorney, to waive the hiring policy related to advertising for a Deputy Sheriff's

position for good cause, said cause being that the Sheriff's office recently took applications, tested, and interviewed for a Deputy Sheriff's position, and to authorize hiring a Deputy Sheriff to fill a position being vacated due to a recent resignation by Deputy Weems. The Sheriff's office intends to hire from those that applied, tested and interviewed at that time, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

9. Sheriff Rogers introduced Joe Bicknell, New Hire Deputy, to the Board.

10. Rogers also presented an open letter to the Board from the Coffey County Dispatchers concerning understaffing, working conditions, demands of job, responsibilities, etc. The letter was signed by four dispatchers. Rogers will discuss it further with the dispatchers, review the job descriptions and report back to the Board.

11. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented two (2) sealed bids for the County-owned brass equipment at Ampro. Bids were opened and presented:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>
TLC Co., Iola	\$20,010.00
Kansas Die Casting & Mfg., Inc.	\$40,275.00

No action was taken at this time.

12. Hotaling presented his weekly report for the week of April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

13. Item No. 95-4; Hotaling showed the Ampro equipment and building to prospects on Tuesday and Friday. Hotaling received payment from TRAMEC for the April electricity bill. County Road and Bridge workers took final loads to the landfill and mowed the property. Hotaling received two bids for the brass machining equipment. Hotaling changed the locks on the building. Hotaling will have to give the vendor, who was hired to dispose of the fluid in the evaporating pit, access to the building this week.

14. Item No. 95-9; Hotaling attended the strategic planning meeting at the Coffey County Hospital. The committee discussed tourism activities including the miniature soldiers' display at the museum. Kansas University professors will be touring WCNOG and will receive additional information on other Coffey County attractions while they are in the County. The Governor's Classic Golf/Fishing Tournament is coming up June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and the Governor's Classic City Lakes Tournament is June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001.

15. Item No. 95-25; Hotaling completed the brochures and permits for the Governor's Classic City Lakes Tournament. Hotaling will deliver the permits and brochures to city halls and city license vendors. Hotaling will be contacting the media in the area to set up advertising for the event.

16. Item No. 97-6; Hotaling completed and mailed out the agendas for the Coffey

County Manufacturer's Association meeting to be held in Gridley which will include a tour of Overland Tool. This meeting in Gridley was originally scheduled for April 11, 2001, but was postponed due to a power outage.

**17.** Item No. 97-7; Hotaling attended the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce dinner to honor senior honor students. A large crowd enjoyed a presentation by Janet Lewandowski, Kansas Teacher of the Year, which included some advice to the seniors on how to succeed in life. The students were presented plaques in recognition of their scholastic achievements.

**18.** Item No. 98-61; Hotaling attended the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee meeting in Chanute. The Committee reviewed staff reports and approved the treasurer's report. Hotaling discussed the revolving loan fund projects and the loan fund balance.

**19.** Item No. 98-10; Hotaling attended the Southeast Kansas, Inc. Board of Directors meeting in Humboldt. Hotaling reviewed the Executive Director's activities and discussed the job performance review criteria. Hotaling discussed the possible fundraisers and the quarterly meeting to be held June 19<sup>th</sup> in Parsons. Hotaling is trying to confirm Bill Kurtis for the morning part of the meeting. The luncheon will feature Lieutenant Governor Gary Sherrer presenting the Southeast Kansas Business Appreciation Awards.

**20.** Item No. 00-3; Hotaling sent out letters on the flight training scholarship reception to the recipients, counselors and Airport Board. The reception will be held May 21, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse lobby. The scholarship proclamations will be presented at that time.

**21.** Hotaling contacted the school districts to finalize the equipment funding requests for the Coffey County Academy of Learning (CCAL) Basic Electronics Apprenticeship Program. Hotaling received the brochures on the program from CCAL Director Vicki Vineyard.

**22.** Hotaling presented a brochure for the 2001 Governor's Classic City Lakes Fishing Tournament on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001.

**23.** Hotaling presented cost information on the Coffey County Academy of Learning Basic Electronics Apprenticeship Program.

**24.** Hotaling also presented the Loan Fund reports for the month of April.

**25.** Sipe moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:47 a.m. for 10 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 Merry. Motion carried.

- 26.** The Board resumed regular session at 10:57 a.m.
- 27.** Sleezer moved to accept the bids submitted by TLC Company, Iola, Kansas, and Kansas Die Casting & Mfg., Inc., LeRoy, Kansas, related to the “Ampro County-owned Brass Machining Equipment” and refer the same to the County Attorney for review, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 28.** Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, presented his weekly report dated May 7, 2001. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.
- 29.** Dave Beard questioned the Board and the Road and Bridge Department about the timing of blading of rock roads in Coffey County. Reed then explained the procedure used for blading roads.
- 30.** Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: Four Road Permits were issued during the past week.
- 31.** Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: One Zoning Permit was issued during the past week.
- 32.** Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Discussion on entities exempt from paying fees. Consider Terracon proposal for Groundwater Monitoring Well installation and abandonment.
- 33.** On the discussion of entities exempt from paying landfill fees, it was decided not to make any changes at this time.
- 34.** Sipe moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Notice to Proceed for Terracon to: (1) prepare and submit to KDHE for approval a groundwater monitoring well installation and abandonment work plan; (2) install three new groundwater monitoring wells along the western end of the proposed lateral expansion and (3) properly abandon groundwater monitoring well DW-4, for the lump sum fee of \$23,900.00, with funds to come from the General Fund, Landfill Capital Outlay Line, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 35.** Item No. 2001-06; Microsurfacing – Project No. A2101-C: Review Bid Tabulation. Make decision on how to proceed.
- 35 a.** Sipe moved to authorize the County Engineer to re-calculate the Engineer’s estimate and re-bid the project, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 35 b.** Crotts moved to reject all bids submitted which were all above the Engineer’s estimate and to re-bid project No. A2101-C, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

- 36.** Item No. 2001-07; US 75 River Bridge North of Burlington: Advance warning signs will be posted in New Strawn and Burlington. The Letting Date for the new bridge has been advanced from 2006 to 2004.
- 37.** Garry DeSloover, former Ampro official, asked about some scrap metal at Ampro. Reed will identify the proper scrap pile for DeSloover.
- 38.** Sleezer moved to authorize the County Engineer to advertise for two S.T. Temps for the Landfill Department, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 39.** Caspar presented the Board with the Work Order Inquiry Report.
- 40.** Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m. for 10 minutes to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney, the Road Supervisor, and the County Engineer to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
- 41.** The Board resumed regular session at 11:55 a.m.
- 42.** Rowley moved to authorize the County Engineer to advertise for two (2) S.T. Temps for the Road and Bridge Department, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.
- 43.** Jackie Tomes, Group Consultant, and Mary Jo Waugh, Regional Manager, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, presented several options for the Board to review.
- 43 a.** Following discussion, Sipe moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Blue Cross Blue Shield Policy Benefit Change Form (GUR Supplement) with the rate adjustment for current benefits for health insurance coverage, effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 43 b.** Crotts moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Blue Cross Blue Shield Group Quota Form for health insurance coverage, effective July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 44.** Bids were presented for a new riding mower for the Courthouse. Following review and discussion, the Board felt it would be best to keep the present mower and declined to act on the bids.
- 45.** Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 12:53 p.m. for 5 minutes to include each of the Commissioners and the County Attorney to discuss matters which would be considered privileged in the attorney/client relationship, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.
- 46.** The Board resumed session at 12:58 p.m.

47. The Clerk advised the Board of a complaint by Dave Hudson regarding Musk Thistle. The County Attorney was to refer the complaint to Todd Bemis, Noxious Weed Director.

48. Crotts moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 p.m., seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Response Optional

1. Coffey County Dispatchers – Open Letter regarding departmental issues

Response Not Required

2. Coffey County Housing Authority – Minutes, March 8, 2001
3. Mark Weems – Letter of resignation
4. Whitney Damron – Memo regarding HB2034-Wireless E-911
5. Whitney Damron – Legislative Update
6. City of Burlington – Minutes – April 18, 2001
7. Western States Contracting Alliance – Letter regarding products
8. Whitney Damron – Newspaper Articles (May 1 & May 4, 2001)
9. Mark Loosli, Tetra Corporate Services, Inc. – Letter regarding equipment at Ampro building
10. City of LeRoy – Letter regarding 2000 City Infrastructure Funds
11. City of LeRoy – Letter regarding 2000 Park and Recreation Funds

Minutes, May 7, 2001

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk