

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 9, 2005, to allow commissioners to individually review correspondence. Chairman Fred Rowley, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Tim Sipe, Kraig Kirchner, Larry Crotts, and Gene Merry present. Also present were Angie Kirchner, Coffey County Clerk, Doug Witteman, Coffey County Attorney, and Donna Berland, Administrative Assistant. Present for a portion of the meeting was Mark Peterson, Editor of the Coffey County Republican.
2. Crotts moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried. Paragraph 1., change ‘April 25’ to “May 2”. Paragraph 12 add “.” at the end of the sentence. Paragraph 13., after ‘signs’ add “, and also to post a directional sign to clarify the location of Ottumwa.”
3. Merry presented a Commitment to Excellence Plaque from the Kansas Sampler Foundation to Deborah Kennamore, Director of the Coffey County Museum.
4. Kirchner moved to reappoint Anne Thomas as a member of the Planning Board to a three-year term, effective May 1, 2005 and ending May 1, 2008, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.
5. Sipe moved to reappoint Karen Skillman as a member of the Planning Board to a three-year term, effective May 1, 2005 and ending May 1, 2008, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.
6. Sipe moved, upon the recommendation of the Vehicle Committee, to approve the minimum specifications for a mid-size van for the County, and further approve the Invitation to Bid for the same, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried 3-yes, 2-no Merry, Rowley.
7. Merry moved to approve the employment agreement between Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, and Coffey County, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
8. Coffey County Health Department Administrator Susan Mueller met with the Board to discuss offering a permanent part-time position to a nursing student that will be graduating from school in 2 weeks. Mueller reminded the Board about a Wellness Lunch on Tuesday, May 24th at 11:00 a.m. at the Coffey County Hospital. Mueller also updated the Board on the employee blood draw.
9. Hub Caspar, County Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly report dated May 9, 2005. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.
10. Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: One Road Permit was issued during the past week.
11. Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
12. Item No. 99-13; Lysimeter calculations as of 4/28/05.

13. Item No. 2005-02; Watershed Dam Breach Inundation Area Protection.
14. Item No. 2005-03; Ottumwa Traffic Study: Request for 30 mph speed limit posting.
15. Item No. 2005-04; Structure Summary: 1999-2004.
16. Caspar also presented the Construction Zone Report for the week ending May 9, 2005.
17. Coffey County Sheriff Randy Rogers met with the Board to request replacing the Chevy blazer with the Dodge van that the Board was considering trading in for a minivan. The Board recommended that Rogers keep his blazer to trade in later for a different vehicle for the Sheriff's office or Jail. The Board will be transferring the van to General Transportation, with the agreement that the Sheriff's office will have access to it when needed.
18. The Board will be signing checks and vouchers on Friday, May 27th, 2005.
19. Merry moved to recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes at 10:07 a.m. to include each of the Commissioners to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
20. The Board resumed regular session at 10:27 a.m.
21. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, submitted the weekly report for the week of May 9, 2005.
22. Item No. 95-9; Hotaling attended the Strategic Planning Committee meeting. Hotaling presented information on the elected officials breakfast, the Kansas Sampler Festival, leadership graduation, the tax exemption presentation for New Strawn, the tax exemption policy adoption by Lebo City Council and other activities.
23. Item No. 95-25; Hotaling collected materials for the Coffey County Tourism display at the Kansas Sampler Festival. Hotaling set up a booth Friday. Hotaling worked Saturday and Sunday at the festival providing information and promotional materials on Coffey County attractions, events, recreational activities and entertainment.
24. Item No. 97-6; Hotaling completed and mailed out agendas for the Coffey County Manufacturer's Association meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 11th. After the business meeting, the members will tour Butter Braids in Madison.
25. Item No. 97-7; Hotaling attended the Chamber of Commerce Senior Honors dinner held at the 4-H building on Wednesday evening, May 4th. Brett Potts, Kansas Teacher of the Year, was the guest speaker. There were nearly 200 that attended the event.
26. Item No. 98-6; Hotaling attended the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee meeting in Chanute. The committee reviewed health insurance plans for

the 12 SEK counties to compare with the SEKRPC staff health insurance plan. The committee appointed Dennis Arnold, Linn County; Don Russell, Bourbon County; and Jon Hotaling, Coffey County, to serve on the Southeast Kansas Prosperity Foundation. The Foundation is now an independent 501C-3 and is not affiliated with SEK, Inc. The request for funding from SEKRPC and other organizations for formation of the 501C-3 has been determined to be not necessary.

27. Item No. 04-4; Hotaling presented information on the County and LeRoy tax exemption policies to the New Strawn City Council. Hotaling provided hard copies and a computer disc of policies and cost benefit analysis. The Council requested information on possible funding for private or public golf courses. From past experience at the Kansas Department of Commerce, some limited recreation funding is a possibility for publicly owned courses but privately owned courses would have to obtain funding through conventional lenders or SBA. Hotaling will check on possible state and federal funds.

28. Hotaling attended the KAC “Sharing Approaches that Work” forum at the Allen County Country Club. Many ideas were discussed on how government agencies can pool resources to save on services and supplies. Hotaling also discussed several federal and state government regulations and mandates that could add costs to local and county government and their agencies.

29. Hotaling met with a prospect and business consultant concerning the Dream Homes building.

30. The Dream Homes building is owned by Western National Bank. The County has no financial interest in the building or property.

31. Greg Gleue of LeRoy, Lowell and Julie Graham of LeRoy, Robert Harkrader, Natural Resources Conservation Director, and Warren Bell of the KSU Extension Watershed attended the Commission meeting. Greg Gleue met with the Board to request a variance of separation of distance from Gleue’s cattle pens and the Graham’s homestead. The separation of distance would be designed strictly by KDHE rules and the EPA rules to control runoff. Gleue would like to get a permit which would enable him to get funding to preserve water quality and assist in following KDHE rules and the NRCS rules to continue business. The Board will look at the situation further and visit the Graham homestead and the Gleue homestead. No action was taken.

32. The Board will have the Administrative Assistant contact four applicants for the Appraiser’s position to invite them for an interview with the residency requirements on Monday, May 16th, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

33. The Board resumed regular session at 12:21 p.m.

34. Rowley adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Not Required

1. The Kiplinger Letter

Response Required

2. KDHE - Permit Renewal

Minutes, May 9, 2005

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk