

- 1.** The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 17, 2004, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Merry presented Flight Training Scholarships to Hillary N. Des, Aaron Scherffius and Caleb Clark. Commissioners Sipe, Kirchner and Rowley were also present. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members R. Kraig Kirchner, Larry Crotts, Tim Sipe and Fred Rowley, Jr. present. Also present were County Clerk Vernon Birk, and County Attorney Doug Witteman. Present for part of the meeting were Mark Petterson, Coffey County Republican Editor, and Jeannene Ryan, WCNO Representative.
- 2.** Kirchner moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2004 as corrected, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried. Corrections were: May 10, 2004, add new paragraph 27, "The Board questioned Hotaling on why the Governor's Classic Golf Tournament was not being held at New Strawn this year. Hotaling explained it was the decision of Kansas Wildscape Foundation."
- 3.** Chairman Merry presented a drawing from Austin Hills of a proposed gazebo and a future fountain in the park area east of the Coffey County Courthouse. The gazebo was presented as an Eagle Scout project. Hills will be meeting with the Board in the near future to discuss the project.
- 4.** Hub Caspar, County Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly report dated May 17, 2004. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.
- 5.** Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: Three 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. 2004-06; Bridge Steel: Rebid opening May 17, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. – Review and award today.
- 8.** Item No. 2004-09; Bridge Steel: Rebid opening May 17, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. – Review and award today.
- 9.** Item No. 2004-10; Microsurfacing: Sign contract with Ballou Construction for Project A2401-C.
- 9 a.** Sipe moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval, as to form, by the County Attorney, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the agreement with Ballou Construction for Project No. A24091-C, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 10.** Item No. 2004-11; Underwater Bridge Inspection: Review and sign agreement with KDOT for underwater inspection of B63 (17-N).

**10 a.** Crotts moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval, as to form, by the County Attorney, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign KDOT Agreement No. 100-04 for Project No. 16C-3922-01, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.

**11.** Caspar also presented the free landfill totals for the free landfill week. Totals for April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 were:

Solid Waste	111.53 tons
Const. Debris	371.87 tons
Trees/Brush	2.27 tons
Metal	27.04 tons
Appliances	21

**12.** Caspar and the Board also discussed alternative methods for disposal of scrap metal at the landfill. Caspar will look into alternatives for the project.

**13.** Chairman Merry reported visiting with Rick Muench, WCNOC CEO concerning signage for motorists approaching the entrance to the Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant in regards to security measures. Merry suggested a brainstorming session at a later date.

**14.** Included with the weekly report was the Construction Zone report for the week of May 17, 2004.

**15.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented the weekly report for the week of May 10, 2004.

**16.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling hosted a Japanese Group Study Exchange Team with Chuck Trimble, Assistant District Governor of Rotary District 5710, at the Kansas Department of Commerce, Trade Development Division Office. Trade Development representatives provided a promotional Kansas trade brochure written in Japanese to the team. The team discussed their Kansas trip and some of the highlights of their stay including a tour of the WCNOC facilities and riding a horse in the Flint Hills. Trade Development representatives explained that over \$7 billion in trade is exported from Kansas to Japan annually. Over \$400 million of the total is in Kansas beef, which is not allowed in Japan at this time because of Mad Cow disease.

**17.** Item No. 97-6; Hotaling hosted the Coffey County Manufacturer's Association meeting at the Main Street Café in Gridley. After the luncheon meeting, the members enjoyed a tour of Countertop Trends, L.L.C. led by Dave Lauber. Hotaling drove the van back to Burlington. Hotaling finalized the minutes from the meeting and confirmed the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at the CCMA with the Coffey County Hospital staff. Deborah Kennamore and Sid Meeker will be invited to be speakers at the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**18.** Item No. 00-3; Hotaling finalized food, drinks, proclamations, etc. for the Flight Training Scholarship reception to be held in the courthouse lobby at 8:30 a.m., Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Students receiving scholarships are: Hilary N. Dees of New Strawn, Aaron Scherffius of Burlington, and Caleb Clark of LeRoy.

**19.** Item No. 01-1; Hotaling made copies of invoices, loan documents, ledgers, etc. from Kansas Die Casting for Coffey County Attorney Doug Witteman. Hotaling spoke with Carl Kelly and will be meeting with him at 1:30 p.m., Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

- 20.** Item No. 01-4; Hotaling spoke with Jim Stukey on behalf of the City of New Strawn concerning completion of their mural. Stukey is hopeful he will get up there next and draw out the design to be painted in by volunteers. Hotaling also discussed a Masonic Lodge mural project.
- 21.** Item No. 03-2; Hotaling attended the Hunter's Hope benefit banquet critique and wrap-up session. The committee feels that things went pretty well. Food costs were less this year since Brian Hind donated the meat. Hotaling may sell corporate sponsor tables next year and lower the cost for individual tickets. Hotaling will meet in November and hopes to have raffle tickets ready by January 1, 2005.
- 22.** Item No. 04-1; Hotaling finalized the application for a booth at the Artrain USA business expo June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge for the booth space. Hotaling will set up the tourism booth and provide tourism information for anyone who attends the Artrain USA business expo.
- 23.** Hotaling also presented a thank you note from Katelyn Rice for being included in the Leadership Coffey County classes.
- 24.** Steve Robb, Pittsburg State University and Technology Institute, presented a drawdown request for CDBG Grant funds for the Osage County RWD No. 4 project.
- 25.** Sipe moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign payment request #3 from CDBG funds under Grant #03 PF 314 in the amount of \$43,100.00 to pay requested bills, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.

**26.** The County Engineer returned with the bids for steel for B027 & B029. Bids presented:

	Krueger Shop	Arning Co.	Bridge & Highway	Oden Enterprises
B027	\$65,783.52	\$62,523.71	\$68,838.15	\$62,434.99
B029	\$73,061.63	\$69,713.86	\$76,160.59	\$68,406.06
Total	\$138,845.15	\$132,237.57	\$144,998.74	\$130,841.05

**26 a.** Merry moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to accept the bid of Oden Enterprises as the best bid for structural steel for B-027 and B-029, and that award be made at the bid price of \$130,841.05, to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

**27.** Crotts moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m., seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.

Minutes, May 17, 2004

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk