

- 1.** The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 16, 2003, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Tim Sipe, R. Kraig Kirchner and Fred Rowley, Jr. present. Also present were Vernon Birk, Coffey County Clerk, Doug Witteman, Coffey County Attorney, and Mary Bloomer, Administrative Coordinator. Jeanne Ryan, WCNOG Representative, and Mark Petterson, Coffey County Republican Editor, were present for a portion of the meeting. Commissioner Crotts was absent.
- 2.** Kirchner moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2003 as written, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried, 3-yes, 0-no, 1-abstained, Merry.
- 3.** Merry moved to appoint Mark Larson to fill the vacated position on the Coffey County Hospital Board of Trustees, immediately, with the term expiring December 31, 2005, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 4.** Rowley moved, upon the recommendation of Susan Mueller, Coffey County Health Administrator, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the KDHE Aid to the Local Program Universal Contract, effective July 1, 2003, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.
- 5.** The Board updated Chairman Merry on the discussion at last week's meeting regarding landfill fees. Jeff Beyer, Landfill Operator, recommended last week to rework the landfill fee schedule including tires. The Board will discuss it with Caspar later today.
- 6.** Sipe moved to designate Gene Merry, Coffey County Commission Chairman, as voting delegate to the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2003 Annual Conference, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 7.** The Board will sign warrants and vouchers beginning at 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 27, 2003.
- 8.** Coffey County Sheriff Randy Rogers met with the Board to recommend a person from his department as Alternate Drug and Alcohol Contact Person.
- 8 a.** Kirchner moved to designate Kenny Roney, Coffey County Undersheriff, as Alternate Drug and Alcohol Contact Person for Coffey County, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.
- 9.** Kirchner moved to approve the Subordination Agreement related to the City of New Strawn and New Eagle Communications and to authorize the Chairman to sign same, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
- 10.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented and discussed the weekly report for the week of June 9, 2003.

- 11.** Item No. 95-18; Hotaling met with New Strawn City Attorney, Steve Smith, to review the subordination agreement drafted by County Attorney Doug Witteman, pertaining to New Eagle Community Development Block Grant Loan through the City of New Strawn and the Kansas Department of Commerce. Smith will contact Witteman with any questions or revisions the city may have. It should be finalized and approved in the next week or two.
- 12.** Item No. 96-3; Hotaling mailed a letter to Mid-American Machine to request the final employment report. The final loan payment is in July. Hotaling will also request information on payroll dollars generated and develop economic impact data pertaining to this project.
- 13.** Item No. 96-5; Hotaling faxed information on Coffey County and the spec building, currently leased by Oldcastle, to companies in Missouri and California.
- 14.** Item No. 97-6; Eight members of the Coffey County Manufacturer's Association toured the Prestige, Inc. manufacturing plant in Neodesha. Prestige manufactures upper scale cabinets, hutches, etc. About 250 employees work on the manufacturing floor. Even with a \$1.25 per hour bonus for perfect attendance (40 hours per week), the company has about a 10% absenteeism rate.
- 15.** Item No. 00-2; Hotaling met with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center representatives and advisory council members to affirm support for the program on behalf of Coffey County Economic Development and the Coffey County Manufacturer's Association.
- 16.** Item No. 02-2; Hotaling met with Carl Kelly, of Kansas Assembles, Inc., to review operations at the facility in LeRoy.
- 17.** Hotaling is continuing to work with KDOT, Coffey County Zoning Administrator John Zuern, the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce and Arnold's Greenhouse to develop options for signage if Arnold's must remove their sign on US 75 Highway as requested by KDOT.
- 18.** Rowley moved to recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes at 10:48 a.m. to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney and the Economic Development Director to discuss confidential data related to financial affairs or trade secrets of a corporation, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
- 19.** The Board resumed regular session at 10:58 a.m.
- 20.** Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, presented the weekly report dated June 16, 2003. John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, was also present.
- 21.** Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: No Road Permits were issued during the past week.

- 22.** Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
- 23.** Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Review and approve resolution revising Landfill fees.
- 24.** Jeff Beyer was present and presented a resolution revising the landfill fees. A lengthy discussion was held on the minimum charge. Beyer said the minimum could be changed; he just wanted to “clean-up” the solid waste sign at the landfill because it was confusing some users. Beyer will revise the resolution and also put together a committee to look at junk tire fees. The Board suggested getting information from adjoining counties regarding landfill tires; a questionnaire to vendors for their input; “and not start new rules on landfill fees until August 1, 2003 and on junk tires until October 1, 2003.”
- 24 a.** Commissioner Rowley volunteered to serve on the landfill tire committee.
- 25.** Item No. 2003-26; Bridge Posting: Review and approve Resolution revising Bridge Postings.
- 25 a.** Merry moved to adopt Resolution No. 655C, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN BRIDGES IN COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 26.** Dennis Polson, President, Donna Lehman, Sid Meeker and Cynthia Linsey, members, Coffey County Extension Council, and Warren Bell, County Agent, presented a revised 2004 budget request showing a 3% reduction from a budget presented earlier, in the amount of \$122,481.00 for the County appropriation. The Board suggested a 10% reduction. Polson said the council had looked everywhere but if they cut more than the 3%, it would mean losing an employee. The Board will wait until they hear what the State Assessed Utilities Values are before making a decision on the extension budget. The County Clerk said those values should be here on Wednesday, June 18, 2003.
- 27.** Rowley moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m., seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Response Optional

1. KDOC&H – Letter regarding HOME Program Contract Payments

Response Not Required

2. Doug VanderLinden – e-mail regarding updated Sprint pricing in consolidated form.

3. Hawver's Capitol Report – 5-30-03; 6-2-03; 6-10-03; 6-11-03
4. Fourth Judicial District - Newsletter
5. KAC – Legislative Bulletin
6. Corps of Engineers – Public Notice
7. KDOT – Letter regarding various programs

Response Required

8. Coffey County Airport Board - Invitation
9. Mark Larson – Letter regarding appointment to Coffey County Hospital Board
10. Coffey County Fire District No. 1 – Minutes of May 19, 2003

Minutes, June 16, 2003

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk