

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 1, 2002, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Tim Sipe, Johnnie Sleezer, Fred Rowley, Jr. and Larry Crotts present. Also present were Coffey County Clerk Vernon Birk, County Attorney Doug Witteman and Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer. Mark Petterson, The Coffey County Republican and Jeannene Ryan, WCNOG were present for part of the meeting.
2. Rowley moved to approve the minutes of Monday, June 24, 2002, as corrected, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried 4-yes and 1-abstention, Merry. Corrections were, June 24, 2002 paragraph 3B, add "hard drives for the" before 'GIS'. Paragraph 8, delete 'questionable' replace with "pornographic", delete 'with no supervision'.
3. Sipe moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2002, as written, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried, 3-yes and 2-abstentions, Rowley and Merry.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Move to authorize the Chairman to sign 3 Orders of Refunds of Taxes in the amount of \$440.78.

No. 4623 payable to Connie Runnels in the amount of \$12.98 for the tax year 2002. Reason: Take off boat, motor and trailer.

No. 4624 payable to USD #244 in the amount of \$49.52 for the tax year 2001. Reason: Exempt beginning May 15, 2001.

No. 4625 payable to Darrell Pyle in the amount of \$378.28. Reason: Exempt dam starting 1/1/2001 to 12/31/2001.
- 4a. Crotts moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
5. Merry moved to adopt Resolution No. 650-C, **A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROPERTY TAXATION POLICY OF THE BOARD OF COFFEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO FINANCING THE 2003 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS**, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
6. Commissioner Sipe reported having a concern expressed to him regarding County reduced price noxious weed chemicals being used for other than noxious weeds, and in large quantities. The Noxious Weed Director will meet with the Board next week to discuss the matter.
7. Charles Huff, Coffey County Council on Aging, presented the 2003 budget request in the amount of \$147,750.00. Mr. Huff explained the 18% increase in the budget request from last year is due to the increased usage in the public transportation program. Huff said they have had a 30% increase in the use of public transportation this past year.
8. Sipe moved to recess into Executive Session at 9:48 a.m. for 10 minutes to include each of the Commissioners and the County Attorney, to discuss matters that would be deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship. Seconded by Sleezer, motion carried.
9. The Board resumed regular session at 9:58 a.m.

10. Sara Caylor, Director of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Fourth Judicial District, presented the 2003 budget request in the amount of \$5000.00. Ms. Caylor said their goal is to advocate for abused and neglected children by providing objective information to the court so that the children will have a safe, nurturing, permanent environment.
11. The Board set a work session on the 2003 budget on Monday, July 22, 2002 at 1:00 p.m..
12. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented his weekly report for the week of June 24 to June 28, 2002.
13. Item No. 95-25; Hotaling attended Burlington-New Strawn business appreciation picnic. Coffey County Economic Development provided the dessert in appreciation of our local businesses.
14. Item No. 95-25; Hotaling attended open house for the Coffey County Housing Authority's new home constructed at 15th & Penobscot.
15. Item No. 98-6; Hotaling attended regional Certified Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) meeting at the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission office in Chanute. After the meeting, Hotaling collected public works project information from Coffey County cities. Over \$20 million in public works projects are planned over the next two years in Coffey County. Hotaling forwarded this information on to the SEKRPC office for inclusion in the CEDS final draft to be completed by 8-01-02. A county resolution supporting the CEDS will be required after review of the final draft by the Coffey County Commission.
16. Item No. 98-10; Hotaling finalized dates for the SEK, Inc., golf tournament and began design work on flyers for the event to be held Friday, September 20, 2002.
17. Item No. 99-3; Hotaling spoke with the Treasurer of Andrew Corporation concerning future operations. Several local businesses have expressed interest in the county spec building that Andrew has under a lease/purchase agreement with the county. Several county businesses are considering expansion projects and are interested in additional building space.
18. Hotaling finalized budget information requested by the Commission and checked on interest information pertaining to an equipment lease payment. Hotaling also checked on Hunting & Fishing Alliance membership cost and benefits.
19. Hotaling presented the Board with a report displaying public support since 1997.
20. Hotaling reported joining the Hunting & Fishing Alliance for advertising purposes.
21. Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. for 10 minutes 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 Crotts. Motion carried.
22. The Board resumed regular session at 10:50 a.m.
23. Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, presented the weekly report dated July 1, 2002. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.
24. Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: No Road Permits were issued during the past week.

25. Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: Two Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
26. Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Permit renewal. Review quotes for Scrap Iron Removal.
27. Sipe moved, upon recommendation of the County Engineer, to find that approximately two hundred (200) tons of Scrap Iron and appliances are no longer required and cannot prudently be used for public purpose of Coffey County, and as such, the same will be disposed of by sale to Recycling Connection of Piqua, Kansas based on high competitive bid per ton, for price of \$18.00 per ton and to publish Notice of Boards intent to dispose of such property by action of the Board on July 15, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. Seconded by Rowley, motion carried.
28. Item No. 2002-05; TranSystems will evaluate 12th and Shetland in July and submit report in August.
29. Item No. 2002-19; Budget: Submit Highway Department request for 2003.
30. Caspar also presented the work order inquiry report and a Capital Improvement Plan through 2007..
31. The Board discussed a request from Bruce and Donna Hess regarding maintenance on a driveway used by County equipment. Caspar will make a recommendation next week.
32. Dr. John Randolph, Executive Director, Mental Health Center of East Central Kansas, presented two graphs showing total clients seen, total service hours, etc., for Coffey County. Dr. Randolph also presented the 2003 budget request in the amount of \$60,000.00. This is a 2.8% increase from last year due mainly to increase in staff. Dr. Randolph also presented the 2001 annual report for the Mental Health Center. John Mallory, C.P.A., Chief Operating Officer, and Lee Alvis, Board of Directors, were also present.
33. Elysa Lovelady, Coffey County Appraiser, met with the Board for her annual evaluation.
34. Rowley moved to recess into Executive Session at 11:51 a.m. for 20 minutes to include each of the Commissioners and the County Appraiser to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.
35. The Board resumed regular session at 12:11 p.m.
36. Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 12:33 p.m. for 10 minutes with the same people for the same reasons. Seconded by Rowley, motion carried.
37. The Board resumed regular session at 12:43 p.m.
38. Rowley moved to recess into Executive Session at 12:44 p.m. for 10 minutes with the same people for the same reasons, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
39. The Board resumed regular session at 12:54 p.m.
40. Sipe moved to recess into Executive Session at 1:04 p.m. for 5 minutes to include each of the Commissioners to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
41. The Board resumed regular session at 1:09 p.m.

42. Merry moved to approve the annual base salary of the County Appraiser at the same level as the previous year, effective July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried 3-yes and 2-no Rowley and Sleezer.

43. Sleezer moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m., seconded by Merry. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Optional

1. KDHE – Letter regarding reimbursement guidelines for child autopsies.
2. US Bancorp – Letter regarding refinancing analysis.

Response Not Required

1. Senator Sam Brownback – Letter regarding nuclear waste storage.
2. Hawver’s Capital Report , 6-24, 6-26; 6-27.
3. League of Kansas Municipalities – Newsletter, 6-28-02.
4. Coffey County Airport Board – Financial statement as of 5-31-02.
5. Rock Creek Realty & Insurance, Inc., - Letter regarding commission level for insurance and proposed premium.
6. University of Kansas – KUTC Newsletter, Winter 2002.
7. Midwest Assistance Program – Newsletter (April – May – June 2002).
8. Groff & Berry – Coffey County Hospital – Financial Statement for year ended December 31, 2001.
9. Kansas, Inc., - County Economic Vitality & Distress Report – 2000 Reported Update.
10. Thank You – Norman Foster Family.
11. Waste Control & Recycling Coalition – Newsletter.
12. KDHE – Letter regarding Permit Renewal for Permit No. 0297.

Minutes, July 1, 2002

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk