

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2004, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Tim Sipe, R. Kraig Kirchner, Fred Rowley, Jr. and Larry Crotts present. Also present were Vernon Birk, Coffey County Clerk, and Mary Bloomer, Administrative Coordinator.
2. Sipe moved to approve the minutes of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004 as corrected, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried. Corrections were: Monday, June 28, 2004, paragraph 5, delete 'a future housing project'; replace with "additional funding for a Coffey County clean-up project regarding 18 mobile homes." Paragraph 6, delete 'and put into the metal pile at the landfill'; Paragraph 7, add "Mark Petterson" after 'Agent'. Paragraph 8, delete 'Commissioner', 'Chairman' and '23,000', 'and Kirchner agreed'; replace with "up to \$23,500.00, seconded by Kirchner." Paragraph 13, delete 'KDOT' in two places; replace with "KDHE"; delete 'Caspar recommended leaving the fee at \$1.00. The Board concurred.'; replace with "The Board requested the County Attorney to do some research regarding tipping fees." Paragraph 21, add "Board" after 'Library'; delete 'in' after "\$986,398.00"; replace with "as public support for"; delete 'in' after \$124,851.00'; replace with "as public support for library." Paragraph 24, add after 'to', "meet with the vehicle committee to". Paragraph 25, delete 'is working on an agreement for the project'; replace with "provided a draft agreement for the Board's review. The agreement will be sent to the city of Lebo for approval and then executed by this Board." Move paragraph '26 and 27' back to paragraph "21 and 22". Paragraph 36, delete 'the vehicle request'; replace with "an emergency vehicle replacement". Paragraph 37, delete '\$157,000.00'; replace with "\$157,500.00". Paragraph 38, add "as public support" after '\$756,340.00'. Paragraph 44, add after 'meeting', "seconded by Rowley".
3. Merry moved, upon the recommendation of the Health Department Administrator and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Local Environment Protection Program Grant Agreement, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.
4. Becky Jewett, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, presented and discussed the monthly report for June. Jewett also reported attending a Buffer Zone Planning workshop in Lawrence on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. She said the workshop pertained to planning for areas around Homeland Security specified targets of terrorism. Jewett said there are eleven in the state of Kansas including Wolf Creek.
5. Jewett also said they are working on the new laws and requirements needed to implement wireless E-911.
6. Jewett reported they are working on a plan to combine the two dispatch centers into one in the basement area. Currently the County has two dispatch offices that are identical, one in the Sheriff's office and one in the Emergency Operations Center.
7. Hub Caspar, County Engineer, presented the weekly report dated July 6, 2004. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.
8. Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: One Road Permit was issued during the past week.

- 9.** Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning permits were issued during the past week.
- 10.** Item No. 99-13; Landfill: C&D. Should have permit within 30 days. E-Scrap.
- 11.** Caspar provided an attachment concerning hazardous electronic waste (cell phones). The article said that in California alone, 40,000 cell phones are thrown away every day. Most are going into landfills which should not be done. Plans are being made to devise a recycling program for E-Scrap. Caspar also presented the Constructions Zone Report and discussed several other Road and Bridge matters.
- 12.** Todd Bemis, Noxious Weed Director, met with the Board to request adding a new chemical to the 50% cost share program for the treatment of Sericea Lespedeza. Bemis said the PastureGard is approximately half the price of the chemical they are currently using to treat the Sericea. The Board approved the request but advised Bemis to monitor the effectiveness of the new product.
- 12 a.** Rowley moved, upon the recommendation of the Noxious Weed Director and the approval of the County Attorney, to establish the customer cost share for the chemical PastureGard (which is commonly used to control Sericea Lespedeza) at 50% of the County's total cost and to establish the customer cost share for all other chemicals at 75% of the County's total cost and to require all cost share customers to sign an agreement acknowledging that cost share purchased chemicals shall only be used in Coffey County. In addition, as approved previously on April 23, 2001, the Board still approves the customer cost share for the chemicals Remedy and Escort (which are commonly used to control Sericea Lespedeza) at 50% of the County's total cost, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.
- 13.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented and discussed his weekly report for the week of June 28, 2004.
- 14.** Item No. 95-24; Hotaling attended the National Association of RC&D Councils' Entrepreneurial Development Forum at the Kauffman Center in Kansas City, MO. Several interesting projects included a development of entrepreneurial studios on top of a former landfill in Virginia. Methane gas is reclaimed from the landfill and artists in ceramics, glass blowing, metal sculptures, etc., use the gas to provide the energy needed to make their projects. Also several successful agri-tourism entrepreneurs presented information on their operations. Breakout sessions included: 'Legal & Accounting Issues for Entrepreneurs', 'SBA Loans for Small Businesses', 'Alternative Enterprises, Agri-tourism and Nature Tourism', and 'Entrepreneurship and E-Commerce'. These sessions were informative and presenters provided websites for additional information.
- 15.** Item No. 98-6; Hotaling attended and chaired the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC) executive committee meeting and general commission meeting in Erie on Thursday night. The executive committee approved a loan to a company in Anderson County upon the recommendation of the regional loan fund committee. Hotaling also approved purchase of a new copier and directed the Chairman to sign the EDA planning grant award. The general commission approved the budget submitted by the executive committee for 2004-2005. Hotaling

is also working with the SEKRPC executive director to renew Coffey County's enterprise zone designation with the Kansas Department of Commerce. Hotaling provided resolutions for the city and County to approve for submittal with the enterprise zone renewal.

**16.** Item No. 01-5; Hotaling participated in the Kansas Leadership Forum executive board meeting via a conference call. Dr. Curt Brumgardt, Director of Leadership Studies at Fort Hays State University, presented information on a new leadership academy program that will provide training to high school teachers and students. The committee set up a site visit to El Dorado on August 17<sup>th</sup> to review the site of the annual conference in September.

**17.** Hotaling set up a tour to visit the company that purchased the Oldcastle building for July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The company's operations manager will have a news release available to the local media late this week.

**18.** Hotaling sent information on Ohio Days and the Coffey County Fair to KANS radio.

**19.** Hotaling talked to a County business owner that is considering the purchase of another building in the County.

**20.** Sipe moved, upon the recommendation of the Economic Development Director and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to adopt Resolution No. 737, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THAT A REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS REQUIRED BY THE 74-50-116(c)(1), FOR THE PURPOSE OF QUALIFYING THE SOUTHEAST KANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE COUNTIES OF ALLEN, ANDERSON, BOURBON, CHEROKEE, COFFEY, CRAWFORD, LABETTE, LINN, MONTGOMERY, NEOSHO, WILSON AND WOODSON AS A DESIGNATED NON-METROPOLITAN BUSINESS REGION, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

**21.** Merry moved, upon the recommendation of the Economic Development Director, and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to adopt Resolution No. 738, A RESOLUTION RECONFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE QUALIFYING REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN AND REQUESTING THAT THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RE-APPROVE THE COUNTY OF COFFEY AS A KANSAS ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATED NON-METROPOLITAN BUSINESS REGION, seconded by Crofts. Motion carried.

**22.** Steve Lightle, Housing Authority Director met with the Board regarding bids on concrete for the LeRoy and Waverly new construction homes.

**23.** Rowley moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m., seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### Response Required

1. Kansas Legal Service – Budget Request

Response Not Required

2. NACo – Legislative Bulletin
3. Strategic Planning and Task Force – Letter regarding Economic Development
4. Kansas Department of Revenue – Letter regarding Real Estate Appraisal/Sales Ratio Study for 2003
5. Hawver’s Capital Report – Misc. dates
6. Coffey County Fire District No. 1 – Audit ending 12-31-03
7. Fourth Judicial District – Newsletter
8. City of Waverly – Minutes of April 14, 2004, May 12, 2004, and May 25, 2004
9. Cook, Flatt, & Strobel – Notice of Address Change
10. Housing Authority – Minutes of 5-6-2004
11. Lake Region RC&D – Letter regarding budget request

Minutes, July 6, 2004

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk