

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 16, 2007, to allow commissioners to individually review correspondence. Chairman Tim Sipe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Larry Crotts, Fred Rowley, Jr., Kimberly Robrahn and Bob Saueressig present. Also present were Denise Humlicek, Payroll Clerk, Donna Berland, Administrative Assistant, and Doug Witteman, County Attorney. WCNOC Representative Terry Garrett was present for a portion of the meeting.

2. Robrahn moved to approve the minutes of Monday, July 9, 2007, and the minutes of Wednesday, July 11, 2007 as corrected, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried. Paragraph 5 and Paragraph 18, add at the end of the sentences, “and any other County business that may arise.”

3. Rowley moved to approve the 2008 Coffey County Budget for publication and to set the Budget Hearing for August 13th, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers, Room 201, seconded by Robrahn. Motion carried.

4. Wayne Blackburn, County Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly report dated July 16, 2007.

5. Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: No Road Permits were issued during the past week.

6. Item No. 99-13; Zoning Permits/Applications Report: One Zoning Permit was issued during the past week.

7. Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Solid Waste Management Unit Weekly Report:

Solid Waste:	169.68 tons
Special Waste:	0 tons
Const. Debris:	399.09 tons
Brush:	0.92 tons
Metal:	.67 tons
Tire Total:	4
Passenger:	4
Truck:	0
Equipment:	0
Appliances:	0

8. Item No. 2007-20; Vehicle Purchase: Request authorization to solicit sealed bids for one 10 wheel Dump Truck. Bid opening July 25, 2007 @ 2:00 pm.

9. Item No. 2007-21; Survey Crew Instruments: Request authorization to solicit formal bids for Survey Crew Instruments. Bid opening July 18, 2007 @ 2:00 p.m.

10. Item No. 2007-21; BRIDGE STEEL: Request authorization to solicit bids for the Structural Steel for B132 (J-4.95).

- 10a.** Saueressig moved to approve the County Engineer's request to solicit bids for the Structural Steel for B132, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.
- 11.** Blackburn also presented the Construction Zone report for the week of July 16, 2007. Blackburn also discussed using washed rock in the courthouse wall repair project. The Board agreed to have Blackburn and County Clerk Angie Kirchner move forward on getting the walls repaired to prevent water leaking into the courthouse.
- 12.** Robrahn moved to enter into Executive Session for 5 minutes at 9:56 a.m., to include each of the Commissioners and the County Engineer, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
- 13.** The Board resumed regular session at 10:01 a.m.
- 14.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling attended the Kansas Department of Commerce Southeast Kansas Regional Business Appreciation Awards Luncheon honoring businesses throughout southeast Kansas. Coffey County Economic Development nominated Arnold's Greenhouse and Strawder's & Daughters Gifts and Garden. Both businesses received a merit award in the retail category.
- 15.** Item No. 95-32; Hotaling had a request from Countertop Trends for possible contacts for an illumination engineer. Hotaling gave them information on several engineering firms that offer illumination engineering services and also gave them contact information for the Kansas Society of Engineers.
- 16.** Item No. 98-6; Hotaling attended the Semi-Annual Executive Committee and General Commission meeting of the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission in Chanute on July 5th. The SEKRPC 2007-2008 budget was approved. Congresswoman Nancy Boyda presented information on developments in Washington, D.C. and about disaster assistance for the southeast Kansas flooding. The SEKRPC is gathering information on public works projects planned by cities and counties in southeast Kansas. This information is to be included in the new comprehensive Economic Development Strategy prepared by SEKRPC and submitted to the US Economic Development Administration.
- 17.** Item No. 03-3; Hotaling met with Harry Huff of Huff's Gardens to review a loan and discuss business operations for 2007 and 2008.
- 18.** Item No. 05-1; Hotaling attended the Southeast Kansas, Inc. Economic Development Advisory Council meeting held at the Greenbush Training Center on July 13th. Economic Development directors from southeast Kansas discussed disaster funding, SBA Low Interest Business Loans, and other funding available for flood victims. Coffeyville will spend years cleaning up and redeveloping areas affected by the flood and oil spill.
- 19.** Item No. 05-3; Hotaling attended the Southeast Kansas Regional Prosperity Foundation meeting in Chanute on June 20th. Officers elected for 2007-2008: Bruce Fairbank, President; Jon Hotaling, Vice-President; and Kathryn Richard, Secretary. A SEK communications

company has purchased tax credits bringing the foundations funding to over \$350,000. This will provide more funding for the foundations Revolving Loan Fund / Equity Investment Program. The fund targets small businesses throughout the region which need financing assistance.

20. Item No. 06-1; Hotaling continued to provide information to prospects generated from the Kansas Department of Commerce Business Recruitment Marketing Grant Marketing Campaign. One out-of-state company visited the area two weeks ago.

21. Item No. 07-2; Hotaling attended the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (FFNHA) meeting in Wabaunsee on July 12th. All cities and counties in the heritage area were encouraged to put related events on the website calendar. FFNHA has been chosen for a prototype National Parks System project to team with heritage areas to develop more GIS mapping.

22. Item No. 07-3; Hotaling attended the Burlington's 150th Committee meeting. The committee is finalizing the schedule of events. The funding request was approved by the Burlington City Council. It was requested that Hotaling inquire about the possibility of parking the courthouse vehicles at the County shop for the Saturday, September 22nd events.

23. Hotaling met with John Gendron, of the Network Kansas Program, to discuss the loan and grant funds available through Network Kansas. Matching loans or grants are available to small businesses through the Network Kansas resource partners. Coffey County Economic Development is a resource partner and is eligible for the grant / loan program. Coffey County Economic Development must provide 50% of the funding and Network Kansas will match it up to \$15,000 per project.

24. On June 27th, Hotaling delivered 12,500 tourism tabloids to the Topeka Capital Journal. The tabloids were inserted in newspapers for the three highest income zip codes in Topeka.

25. Hotaling assisted with interviews of three candidates for 2007-2008 4-H Ambassadors for Coffey County. Two candidates will be recommended to the Extension Office.

26. Hotaling is gathering information with the Museum Director for day trips in Coffey County to be published in the next Southeast Kansas Adventures Magazine to be printed late this year.

27. Hotaling completed loan report for the period of June 1st – June 30th.

28. Rowley moved to enter into Executive Session for 30 minutes at 10:38 a.m., to include each of the Commissioners and the Appraiser, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, seconded by Robrahn. Motion carried.

29. The Board resumed regular session at 11:03 a.m.

30. Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Becky Jewett met with the Board to request the purchase of two new sirens for Lebo and Gridley.

30a. Rowley moved, upon the recommendation of the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and approval of the County Attorney of written warranty provisions, to waive the purchasing policy as to formal bidding process for good cause, said cause being that the goods and installation services were bid by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation for like units, and approve the purchase of (2) two Tempest – 128 rotating sirens and accessories with turn key installation from American Signal Corporation in the amount of \$39,519.75, and to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign all documents related thereto, said sirens are to be installed in Lebo and Gridley, with funds to come from the Community Improvement Reserve Fund, seconded by Saueressig. Motion carried.

31. The Board visited with Appraiser Connie Lawrence regarding the decrease in Wolf Creek’s valuation. Lawrence reported that she contacted the state and there was a rate reduction for KG&E which decreased the state valuation.

32. Rowley informed the Board that he had been contacted regarding the possibility of the County supporting a Lebo Community Center. The Board agreed to provide a letter of support for a Lebo Community Center with County matching grant funds up to \$30,000 for the project, with funds to come from the General Fund, Community Improvement Line Item.

33. Rowley discussed the Neosho River log jam at Jacob’s Creek with Congresswoman Nancy Boyda at the “Congress on the Corner” meeting. Congresswoman Nancy Boyda requested to set up a meeting in the near future with the Board to discuss general matters.

34. The Board will sign warrants and vouchers on Friday, July 27th, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.

35. Sipe adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

No Response Required

1. Coffey County Republican - Pictorial History Book - July 14, 2007
2. The Kiplinger Letter - July 6, 2007
3. Kiplinger's Personal Finance Adviser - July 2007
4. Center for Rural Affairs - Rural Brief - July 2007
5. Thank you - Kathi Bahr - July 10, 2007

Minutes, July 16, 2007

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk