

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 22, 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 Crofts present. Also present were Coffey County Clerk Vernon Birk, Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer and Wendy Bogue, KSNP Radio.

2. Sipe moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2002, as corrected, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried 4-yes and 1-abstention, Merry. Corrections were: Monday, July 15, 2002, paragraph 27, replace 'this' with "the". Paragraph 38, replace 'meeting with' with "presentation by", delete "at presentation".

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Upon the recommendation of the County Treasurer and the County Engineer, move to transfer \$385.45 from the Special Road and Bridge Fund to the General Fund. This will close out the Special Road and Bridge Fund.

B. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the ESRI Quotation for annual maintenance at a total cost of \$8,000.00 with funds to come from the General Fund, Technology Training and Equipment Line.

C. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the letter in support of the Coffey County Council on Aging Transportation grant application.

D. Upon the recommendation of the Sheriff, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Judy Hughes, Dispatcher, upon completion of IPP, at a classification of LE-IIa and an hourly wage of \$10.82.

E. Upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Jeff Beyer, Landfill Supervisor, upon completion of IPP, at a classification of TPIIIa and an hourly wage of \$14.52.

F. Upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for CSA Compensation for John Truelove as Party Chief-GIS S.T. Temps, for the period of June 9 thru July 13, 2002.

G. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign 3 Orders for Refund of Taxes in the amount of \$137.09.

No. 4627 payable to Country Critters Inc., c/o First National Bank of Kansas in the amount of \$6.50 for the year 1999.

Reason: PUP – Remove 1970 Chevy 1-ton truck, sold to Jess Lyman in 1998.

No. 4628 payable to Country Critters Inc., c/o First National Bank of Kansas in the amount of \$62.83 for the year 2000.

Reason: PUP – Remove 1979 van trailer-1970 Chevy 1-ton trailer, 1969 forklift and 1977 Fruehaf van all sold or disposed of before January 1, 2000.

No. 4629 Country Critters Inc., c/o First National Bank of Kansas in the amount of \$67.76 for the year 2001.

Reason: PUP – Remove 1970 Chevy truck, 1979 Wells Cargo van, 1969 forklift and 1977 Fruehaf van – sold or disposed of before January 1, 2001.

Crotts moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

4. Sleezer moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the following Orders for Refunds, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

No. 4630 payable to Robert G. Ellis, for tax year 1999, in the amount of \$9.13.

Reason: Sold 1961 Ford truck January 21, 1999.

No. 4631 payable to Robert G. Ellis, for tax year 2000, in the amount of \$10.88.

Reason: Sold 1961 Ford truck January 21, 1999.

No. 4632 payable to Robert G. Ellis, for tax year 2002, in the amount of \$11.94.

Reason: Sold 1961 Ford truck January 21, 1999.

No. 4633 payable to Dwight Combs, for tax year 2001, in the amount of \$4.03.

Reason: Sold 1965 Ford truck in 1999.

5. Bill Walker, Coffey County Fire District No. 1 Administrator, met with the Board to explain the ISO rating and how it affects property insurance. Walker said ISO ratings are coming down in Coffey County. The Board indicated the need to let the insurance companies in Coffey County know about the change. Several budget issues were also discussed.

6. Rowley moved to appoint Mary Bloomer to serve on the County Board of Canvassers in the absence of Commissioner Rowley for the canvass of the August 6, 2002 election, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

7. The Board further reviewed and discussed the 911 emergency telephone tax resolution. The Board opted to leave the tax at the current .50 cents per user. Once a year the Board has the option of raising the tax to the .75 cent limit if the need arises.

8. The Board further discussed a proposed Home Rule Resolution regarding fuel purchase options as to bidding and rotating the Road and Bridge fuel purchases. The Board decided to wait until the County Attorney was present to discuss the matter further.

- 9.** Commissioner Merry read a letter from a taxpayer concerned about the recent mailing from the Appraisers Office.
- 10.** Elysa Lovelady, County Appraiser, met with the Board concerning the referenced letter above on the cost of the agricultural mailers. Lovelady explained that due to staff salaries, it was less costly to send an extra envelope than spend additional man-hours sorting the mailers and figuring out the necessary return postage. Lovelady estimated the cost of the mailers is $\frac{1}{4}$ the cost of man hours used last year to do a field review of the agricultural land. The figure on last years cost did not consider the additional cost of fuel and vehicle maintenance. Acreage calculations were also discussed.
- 11.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented the weekly report for the week of July 15th to July 19th 2002.
- 12.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling attended the Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (KEPCo) Sharpe Generating Station dedication ceremony on Thursday, July 18th, with Vernon Birk and Jo Ann Raaf from the courthouse. Commission Chairman Gene Merry gave "Greetings from Coffey County" to the attendees and KEPCo staff and board members. Hotaling took a tour of one of the generating units and switchgear building. Hotaling provided brochures on Coffey County Museum while the board meeting was being held at the Eisenhower Education Center.
- 13.** Item No. 95-29; Hotaling worked on brochures, class schedule, advertisements, etc., for Leadership Coffey County class to begin in October 2002. Hotaling will verify November Commission meeting dates. Graduation will most likely be the last week of April.
- 14.** Item No. 98-7; Hotaling attended the Southeast Kansas Tourism meeting in Chanute with Sid Meeker, Coffey County Chamber of Commerce Director and Virginia Baumgartner, Sales Representative with Custom Neon Sign Company. They presented information on sign design, zoning, KDOT approval, location, materials, easements, etc. With a reasonable easement cost, it is much more cost effective to purchase a sign than to lease one. Leases are usually in the \$300 to \$600 per month range and a new sign and easement can be purchased in the \$6,000 to \$8,000 range. At \$600 per month, a \$6,000 sign would be paid off in 10 months.
- 15.** Hotaling provided information from the FEMA website on grants for storm shelter construction to the Coffey County Housing Authority. There may grant funds available. A county entity such as the Housing Authority could apply for the grants that pay for up to 50% of the cost. A resident in Coffey County has built a prototype shelter that could be used under this grant program.
- 16.** Hotaling set up a meeting for a local business owner with Wayne Symmonds, of the Eastern Kansas Economic Development Group and Darla Price, of the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing.

17. Hotaling sent in his registration for the Kansas Tradeshow to be held September 30th – October 3rd, in Hutchinson. The Tradeshow is in conjunction with the Family Motorcoach Association (FMCA) annual show to be held in Hutchinson this year. 12,000 FMCA members are expected to attend.
18. Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, presented his weekly report dated July 22, 2002. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant were also present.
19. Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: Four road permits were issued during the past week.
20. Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No zoning permits were issued during the past week.
21. The Board also discussed the chip seal progress as well as various other road and bridge matters. Reed reported the chip seal scheduled for this year is nearly complete.
22. Sipe moved to accept the resignation of Heath Birk, Noxious Weed Department, effective July 31, 2002, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
23. The Board recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
24. Chairman Merry called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m. Also present for part of the afternoon was Mark Petterson, The Coffey County Republican, and Jeannene Ryan, WCNOG.
25. The Board reviewed and discussed the 2003 budget requests. Friday, July 26, 2002 the Board will meet with the auditor to finalize a proposed budget for publication. The proposed 2003 Coffey County budget will be published on Tuesday, July 30, 2002. The budget hearing has been scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission room at the Coffey County Courthouse.
26. Commissioner Merry brought the Board up to speed on the current happenings regarding Strawn Cemetery expansion. Merry received a commitment from the Board to provide funding for the 3 acre project, not to exceed \$5,000.00.
27. Sleezer moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, July 26, 2002, to meet with the County Auditor and attend to other county business that may arise, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Not Required

1. Hawver's Capital Report, 7-16, 7-17, 7-18.

2. Housing Authority – Quarterly Report on Speculative Interest and Demolition Program.
3. Wendy Bogue – Letter of introduction
4. City of Burlington – Minutes, June 19, 2002.
5. City of Gridley – Minutes, July 15, 2002
6. Agler & Gaeddert Chartered – Audit for East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging.

Minutes, July 22, 2002

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk