

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 25, 2016. Chairman Arlin Meats called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Jim Dale, Kenneth Combes, Fred Rowley and Bob Saueressig present. County Clerk Angie Kirchner, County Payroll/Benefits Coordinator Denise Humlicek, County Attorney Christopher Phelan and Administrative Assistant Donna Berland were also present.
2. Combes moved to approve the minutes of Monday, July 18, 2016, as written, seconded by Dale. Motion carried.
3. Wolf Creek Representatives Tim East and Jim Rudeen met with the Board to give an update on the Tridium levels at Wolf Creek. Rudeen is a member of the LEPC Committee and is in charge of Biology at Wolf Creek.
4. County Engineer Wayne Blackbourn presented the weekly report for July 25, 2016.
5. Item No., 93-01; Road Permits Report: No Road Permits were issued during the past week.
6. Item No.99-20; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
7. Item No. 2016-35; Hot Mix Pavement: Parking Lot at Courthouse: Request authorization to solicit sealed bids for asphalt (HMA) project west parking lot at the courthouse. Review and sign the contract.
- 7a. Dale moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval as to form by the County Attorney, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign Contract Documents with Killough Construction, Inc. for Asphalt Project for the west parking lot at the Courthouse project for the west parking lot, seconded by Saueressig. Motion carried.
8. Item No. 2016-40; Request Tire Purchase: Request authorization to solicit formal bids of assorted tires.
- 8a. Combes moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to approve the County Engineer's request to solicit formal bids for 12 Motor Grader tires and 24 Truck tires (11R 22.5), seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
9. Blackbourn also presented the Construction Report for the week of July 25, 2016.
10. Rowley moved to enter into Executive Session for 10 minutes at 9:52 a.m., to include each of the Commissioners, the County Engineer and the County Attorney, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel regarding employee discipline that occurred on Thursday, July 21, 2016, seconded by Dale. Motion carried.

11. The Board resumed regular session at 10:02 a.m.
12. Rowley moved to enter into Executive Session for 10 minutes at 10:03 a.m., to include each of the Commissioners, the County Engineer and the County Attorney, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel regarding employee discipline that occurred on Thursday, July 21, 2016, seconded by Dale. Motion carried.
13. The Board resumed regular session at 10:13 a.m.
14. Bill Stutesman met with the Board to discuss County policies. Stutesman said that he was concerned that County employees violated policies regarding a letter to the editor in the June 30th publication of the Coffey County Republican. Stutesman said that County employees who are paid by the County should have taken a code of ethics when employed. County Attorney Christopher Phelan stated that he sent a Memorandum on July 18th to all employees in regard to prohibited actions related to elections that should be followed. Phelan explained that elected officials are under no supervision by the County Commission as the State Legislature sets the laws governing County elected officials. Phelan said that Stutesman could meet personally with County Treasurer Brenda Cherry if he wanted to discuss how she handled her employees. After discussion, Stutesman was satisfied with the information. Under Sheriff Tom Johnson, Patrol Supervisor Troy Friend, Coffey County Republican Editor Mark Petterson, Illa M. Weeks, Thyra Davis, John P. Evans, Raymon Kaufman, Sara Steiner and Karen Kaufman were also present.
15. The Board held a budget work session for the 2017 budget year with County Auditor Phil Jarred of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA and Harley Schlotterbeck.
- 15a. Combes moved to approve the 2017 Coffey County Budget for publication and to set the Budget Hearing for August 15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers, Room 201, seconded by Dale. Motion carried 4-yes, 1-no, Meats. Over the past 6 years the County has seen a decrease in the mil levy since 2010. In 2014, 2015 and 2016 the mil levy increased minimally.
16. The County Counselor Phelan noted an EEOC complaint against the County that had been filed was dismissed without probable cause.
17. The Board will have a Special Meeting on Friday, August 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. for a Pre-disciplinary Hearing.
18. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of August 2016 on Monday, August 29, 2016.

19. Meats recessed the meeting at 12:36 p.m., until Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of July 2016.

**Correspondence**

1. Illa M. Weeks – Response to Stutesman Letter - July 21, 2016
2. U.S. Senator Jerry Moran – “Kansas Common Sense” Newsletter – July 19, 2016
3. City of New Strawn – Council Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2016
4. City of New Strawn – Council Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2016
5. Coffey County Housing Authority – Board Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2016
6. Coffey County Library – Board Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2016
7. City of Waverly – Council Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2016
8. City of Burlington – Council Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2016

Minutes, July 25, 2016

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk