

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 26, 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, Doug Witteman, Coffey County Attorney, and Mary Bloomer, Administrative Coordinator. Present for part of the meeting were Jeannene Ryan, WCNOC Representative, and Mark Petterson, Coffey County Republican Editor.

2. Crotts moved to approve the minutes of Monday, July 19, 2004 as written, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried, 4-yes, 1-abstention, Merry.

3. Consent Agenda:

A. Upon the request of the Sheriff, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Troy Friend, Officer at a classification of LEIIIa and an hourly wage of \$12.27, effective July 1, 2004.

B. Upon the request of the Coffey County Housing Authority Board and the recommendation of the County Attorney, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Real Estate Mortgage Release acknowledging satisfaction in full debt secured by Roy G. and Donna M. Deal, regarding the North ½ of Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 13 of Shea's Addition in the city of Burlington, Kansas.

C. Upon the request of the Coffey County Housing Authority Board and the recommendation of the County Attorney, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Real Estate Mortgage Release acknowledging satisfaction in full debt secured by Fredia L. Burns, regarding the West 12 ½ feet of Lot 14, in Block 166, in the city of Burlington, Kansas; the East 37 ½ feet of Lot 14, all of Lot 15, and the West ½ of Lot 16, all in Block 166, in the city of Burlington, Kansas.

3a. Merry moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

4. Rowley moved, upon the recommendation of the Lake Region Solid Waste Authority, and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the signature page of the KDHE Public Entity Disclosure Statement regarding Linn County, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.

5. Merry moved to approve the County Clerk's request to solicit bids for hail damaged roof repair, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

6. At 9:15 a.m. the Board recessed to the basement meeting room to listen to the concerns of the Jacobs Creek people regarding the log jam on the Neosho River at Jacobs Creek.

7. Chairman Merry called the meeting back to order with approximately 48 concerned citizens in attendance. This included Agency Representatives from Wildlife & Parks, Kansas

Fish & Game, Army Corp of Engineers, Neosho River Basin and Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Peggy Long-Mast, 76th District Kansas Representative, was also in attendance. Chairman Merry called on many of those in attendance to express their concerns or comments. Rick Wistrom, spokesman for the group, presented a brochure listing reasons for concern; (1) Natural disaster; (2) Health hazard; (3) Breeding ground for mosquitoes; (4) Creating flooding problems and damage to local roads and agriculture; (5) Property value in area has depreciated; (6) Farmers in the area are affected from excess flooding; (7) No money available for help; (8) Cannot use boat ramp; (9) No solutions to problem. Following further discussion, Chairman Merry suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee be established to develop a plan to find a solution to the problem. The Committee was to be composed of a Board representative, with Fred Rowley, (3rd District) as Chair, and representatives of all involved entities in seeking a solution to this disaster.

- 8.** The Board reconvened back in the Commission Chambers at 10:15 a.m. to continue the Board meeting.
- 9.** Donna Pashman, Group Consultant, BCBS, presented a report identifying the actual cost of services used by Coffey County. Ms. Pashman also presented a refund check in the amount of \$58,784.00.
- 10.** Kirchner moved, upon approval of the Auditor and upon recommendation of the Administrative Coordinator to apply the refund from Blue Cross Blue Shield in the amount of \$58,784.38 to the Employee Benefits-Reimbursed Expense Fund (4-185-500-900), seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
- 11.** Hub Caspar, County Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly report dated July 26, 2004. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, was also present.
- 12.** Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: Two road permits were issued during the past week.
- 13.** Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: One Zoning Permit was issued during the past week.
- 14.** Item No. 99-13; Landfill: C&D - Permit update – Vertical Expansion – Lysimeter calculations. Caspar reported that KDHE said that Coffey County should remodel the alternative cover process. Caspar will set up a meeting with Representatives from KDHE to find out what they expect.
- 15.** Item No. 2004-13; Yoho Flooding Problem: Preliminary request sent to Corps of Engineer's, Division of Water Resources and Wildlife and Parks as to Permit requirements and procedure.
- 16.** Caspar also reported Dustin Ochs will be doing bridge inspections later this year.

- 17.** Item No. 2004-21; B359(10-G.9): Structural Steel bid opening August 10, 2004 @ 10:00 a.m.
- 18.** Rowley moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, and approval of the County Attorney as to form, move to adopt Resolution No. 739, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL AND ERECTION OF CERTAIN UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES IN COFFEY COUNTY, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried
- 19.** Crotts moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, and approval of the County Attorney as to form, move to adopt Resolution No. 740, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL AND ERECTION OF CERTAIN UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES IN COFFEY COUNTY, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
- 20.** F.Y.I. 1. Revised Road and Bridge Budget
 2. Lake Region Authority meeting – Tuesday
 New Business agenda item – Electronic recycling
 Note: Cellular One stores will now take used wireless equipment for recycling at no extra charge.
- 21.** Caspar presented the Construction Zone report for the week of July 26, 2004.
- 22.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented the weekly report for the week of July 26, 2004.
- 22.** Item No. 95-10; Hotaling spoke with Sheriff Rogers about setting up customer service training session. Hotaling said mid to late August appears to be a good time with a refresher session early next spring (February or March). They also discussed boat ramp float location. Floats may need to be raised due to substantial increase in the water level.
- 23.** Item No. 98-10; Hotaling attended a meeting in Chanute to discuss the Kansas Economic Growth Act and the one million dollars in tax credits available to Southeast Kansas. The tax credits would be used to generate funding for a regional community foundation. The foundation would commit 60 % of its funding towards job creation. The remaining 40 % could be allocated for business support services, regional leadership development, technology improvements and administration. The southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission, the SEE KAN RC&D and Southeast Kansas, Inc., will be held over the next 4 weeks to get the application completed.
- 24.** Hotaling drafted a letter to officials of Kansas City Power & Light for review, editing, etc., by the Coffey County Commission.
- 25.** Hotaling Attended 4-H fair superintendents training meeting Monday evening at the 4-H building in Kelley Park. Thursday, Hotaling served as superintendent of the geology, forestry,

and entomology exhibits. Hotaling assisted judge and made sure all exhibits were properly entered and set up for judging.

26. Hotaling met with an area business owner to discuss SBA loans for small businesses.

27. Kirchner moved to approve establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on the Jacobs Creek Log Jam with the following members;

- 1- State Senator Jim Barnett
- 1-County Commissioner
- 1- State Representative Peggy Long-Mast
- 2- Concerned Citizens Representatives
- 1- Water Quality Specialist
- 1- KDHE member
- 1- Conservation District Member
- 1- Corp of Engineer Representative
- 1-Agricultural Representative
- 1- U. S. Wildlife & Parks Representative

Seconded by Rowley, motion carried.

28. The Board looked at some last minute issues with the Coffey County budget in preparation for a meeting with the auditor on Wednesday, July 28, 2004. The Board directed the Administrative Coordinator to draft a letter to the school districts regarding funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

29. Bill Bauer, Information Systems Specialist met with the Board to discuss some upcoming budget needs regarding, computer upgrades, phone system upgrade, etc.

30. Merry moved, on the recommendation of the County Clerk, to approve solicitation of bids for removal and replacement of one (1) boiler and one (1) condensate pump, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

31. The County Attorney reported on the recent sale of equipment at Kansas Assemblies, Inc.

32. The Coffey County Health Department will be hosting an informational public meeting on “West Nile Virus” in the Coffey County Courthouse basement on Wednesday, July 28, 2004.

33. Sipe moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2004 to sign warrants and vouchers and attend to other County business that may arise, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Optional

1. Mary Lou Ponder – Letter regarding letter of support for program.

Response Required

2. Kansas Legislative Research Dept. – Request for information

Response Not Required

3. City of Burlington – Minutes of June 16, 2004
4. Center for Study of Rural America – Newsletter
5. City of Gridley – Minutes of July 6, 2004 and corrections
6. Corps of Engineers – Public Notices
7. City of Lebo – Minutes (several dates)
8. City of Burlington – Minutes, July 7, 2004
9. Hawvers Capital Report – Misc. dates
10. NACO - Legislative bulletin
11. KDOT - Letter regarding Kansas Airport Improvement Program Project Solicitation
12. KDOT – Letter regarding Statewide 5-year Construction Program
13. Fourth Judicial District Community Corrections – Comprehensive Plan and Budget
14. Senator Pat Roberts – Schedule
15. Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture – Newsletter
16. Coffey County Fire District #1 – Minutes June 21, 2004
17. Coffey County Airport Board – Minutes, June 9, 2004

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Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk