

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 11, 2003, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Fred Rowley, Jr., R. Kraig Kirchner, Tim Sipe and Larry Crotts present. Also present were Angie Kirchner, Budgetary Accounting Specialist I, Doug Witteman, Coffey County Attorney, and Mary Bloomer, Administrative Coordinator. Present for part of the meeting were Mark Petterson, The Coffey County Republican, Jeannene Ryan, WCNOC Representative, and Sam Robinson, The Gleam.

2. Kirchner moved to approve the minutes of Monday, August 4, 2003, as corrected, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried 4-yes, 0-no, 1-absention, Sipe. Corrections were: Monday, August 4, 2003, add new paragraph 16, "Bill Linde, Woodson County Commissioner, visited with the Board about his future plans and mill levy increases in the surrounding areas."

3. Consent Agenda:

A. Upon the recommendation of the Fiber Optic Control Board and approval of the County Attorney, and pursuant to paragraph 1.17 of the agreement between Terra World, Inc. and Coffey County, Kansas, with said agreement for providing Internet Service to Coffey County residents and businesses utilizing the Coffey County Fiber Optic Network, move to renew the agreement for an additional one (1) year, effective August 13, 2003, with current subscriber rates remaining the same as when the initial contract was signed.

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

4. Nathan Linsey and Taylor Barker, 4-H Ambassadors, presented a 'Thank You' card and some cinnamon rolls to the Board in appreciation for the support received in upgrading the 4-H area at the fair grounds.

5. Becky Jewett, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, presented her monthly report for July 2003 to the Board.

5a. Jewett also asked the Board for approval to advertise for the newly vacant Planner/Office Manager position. Jewett will be publishing the opening in-house, as well as a simultaneous one-time publication outside the courthouse, and going through applications from the last advertisement.

5b. Jewett talked with the Board about establishing an Emergency Preparedness Contingency Fund for disaster assistance. The Board will take it under consideration.

6. Senator Derek Schmidt met with the Board to discuss the loss of Demand Transfers from the State and ensure that he will be preparing and compiling an argument for when the State Session opens in the Spring of 2004. Schmidt asked the Board to

contact him with any suggestions or ideas to support his argument regarding the loss of Demand Transfers.

- 7.** Ralph Plott met with the Board to discuss a matter related to Meier Concrete, Inc.
- 8.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented and discussed the weekly report for the week of August 4, 2003.
- 9.** Item No. 95-29; Hotaling reviewed the curriculum for the Coffey County Youth Leadership Program for 2002. Hotaling will be meeting with the youth leadership committee members Martha Newkirk and Bobbiann Daugherty to review the 2002 program and begin setting up the curriculum and schedule for 2004 youth leadership program later this month.
- 10.** Item No. 97-7; Hotaling reviewed the transient guest tax collections in Coffey County reported by the State for April, May and June of 2003. The total was about \$1,600 less than the same time period in 2002. Part of the decrease could be due to closure of the Twilight Motel and part could be caused by the slowdown in the economy. Hotaling presented the totals to Sid Meeker, Executive Director of the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce. Hotaling also attended a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce for the TECU satellite office at the Eisenhower Education Center.
- 11.** Item No. 98-6; Hotaling reviewed two loan applications for the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC) meeting. The loans were approved for a business to locate in Garnett and for a Fort Scott manufacturer to purchase additional equipment. The commission also approved several intergovernmental reviews. SEKRPC will be moving into a new office later in August. Hotaling was appointed to a subcommittee to review the SEKRPC revolving loan program plan. The plan needs updating prior to the final RLF report for 2003 to be mailed to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) regional office in Denver within a few months.
- 12.** Item No. 01-4; Hotaling met with Sue Lawrence to discuss the progress on the mural, the dedication ceremony, and the funds available in memory of Ramon Lawrence, etc. Hotaling will check back with her when the mural is completed.
- 13.** Hotaling met with Harry Huff of Huff Gardens to review the final payment on the County loan with Huff Gardens. Harry made the final payment and loan documents marked paid-in-full were prepared and mailed out.
- 14.** Hotaling delivered loan documents marked paid-in-full for Mid-American Machine. Mid-American Machine's 5-year note was paid off as scheduled.
- 15.** Hotaling spoke with Ray Barmby about possible financing for a regional business.
- 16.** Hotaling provided information to a Coffey County resident on SBA loans, business plans, etc. Hotaling provided the Board with the Loan Fund Reports for the month of July, 2003.

17. Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, presented his report dated August 11, 2003. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.
18. Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: No Road Permits were issued during the past week.
19. Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: One Zoning Permit was issued during the past week.
20. Item No. 99-13; Landfill: The alternative final cover for Vertical Expansion was approved August 1, 2003.
21. Susan Mueller, Coffey County Health Administrator, met with the Board to inform them that she would be receiving \$24,107.00 in Bio-terrorism funds to assist in the Bio-terrorism training program. Mueller also indicated that she had been asked to be a member on the Governor's Rural Life Task Force.
22. Donna Pashman, Blue Cross Blue Shield, met with the Board to present a refund check in the amount of \$197,926.87.
23. Crotts moved, after discussion with the Auditor and upon recommendation of the Administrative Coordinator, to apply the refund from Blue Cross Blue Shield in the amount of \$197,926.87 to the Employee Benefits – Reimbursed Expense Fund (3-185-500-900), seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.
24. The Board felt that putting the refund check in the Reimbursed Expense Fund would help stabilize premiums in the future and possibly help keep from raising insurance expenses on the part of employees anytime soon.
25. Rowley moved to enter into Executive Session at 11:38 a.m. for 5 minutes to include each of the Commissioners and the County Attorney, to discuss matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
26. The Board resumed regular session at 11:43 a.m.
27. The Board recessed at 11:48 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the Budget Hearing and other County matters that may arise.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Optional

1. Invitation – Blue Ribbon Buyer/Supporter Appreciation Dinner

Response Not Required

2. Hawver’s Capitol Report – 8-04-03; 8-06-03; 8-08-03
3. Thank you – The Lindsey Kids
4. Thank you – Alysson & Kyle Spillman
5. Thank you – 4-H Ambassadors
6. City of Burlington – Minutes of July 16, 2003
7. Corps of Engineers – Public Notice
8. League of Kansas Municipalities – Update
9. Thank you – Blue Ribbon 4-H Club of Lebo

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Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk