

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 12, 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 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 was Jenny Hageman, WCNOC.

2. Crotts moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2002 as written, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

3. Sipe moved to approve the minutes of Friday, August 9, 2002, as written, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried 4-yes, 0-no, 1 abstention, Rowley.

4. Sipe moved, on the recommendation of the County Election Officer, to destroy without previously opening any of the envelopes, the following ballots, in the presence of electors John Andrick and Ken Epperly: seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

Primary – National & State August 4, 1998
Special question election May 9, 1999 (Hospital Bond)
City/School primary March 2, 1999
Special Bond election (USD #243) May 9, 2000
Primary – State & National August 1, 2000
City/School April 3, 2001

5. Susan Mueller, Coffey County Health Administrator, met with the Board to discuss several items including the Prescription Assistance Program (PAP) and lead testing, in conjunction with the Housing Authority, West Nile Virus, and other health issues.

6. Donna Pashman, Group Consultant, Blue Cross Blue Shield, met with the Board and presented a refund check in the amount of \$17,215.21. Ms. Pashman discussed several health insurance issues. She is not sure the refunds based on the retroactive reports will be available in future years.

7. Sipe moved to reconvene the Canvass Board at approximately 9:45 a.m. to certify the results of the August 6, 2002 Primary Election, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

8. The Canvass Board examined the results of the hand re-count of the 5th District commission race and verified no change in the outcome. The 5th District commission race stands as reported on Election Day with the exception of one provisional ballot. Final count was Kirchner – 230, Sleezer – 226, whereupon the Canvass Board signed the official record book of the August 6, 2002 State & National Primary Election.

8a. Sleezer moved to certify the results of the Canvass Board, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.

9. Upon completion of the canvass the Canvassing Board adjourned and reconvened as a Board of County Commissioners.
10. Merry moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Blue Cross Blue Shield refund check in the amount of \$17,215.21 and to credit the proceeds to the BCBS Employer Benefits line, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
11. Todd Bemis, Noxious Weed Director, reported the Lake Region Authority Grant in the amount of \$80,000.00. This was on 75/25 grant and the 25% portion cost will be borne by participating counties. In addition, Bemis said some direct expense will be incurred due to county cost for an in-ground hopper and necessary electrical connections.
12. Rowley moved, after talking with the auditor for guidance regarding the “Sears Bucks” provided to the Noxious Weed Department, and upon approval of the County Attorney, to authorize the Noxious Weed Director to spend the “Sears Bucks” for departmental office supplies, equipment, etc., and to keep appropriate written records regarding receipt and expenditures, seconded by Crofts. Motion carried.
13. Bemis reported he has written policy stating no chemical returns and no refunds. One customer requested they be allowed to return 112 gallons of low Volitale 2-4-D, which he found out after purchase that it could not be used as anticipated.
- 13a. The Board advised Bemis to use his discretion on the matter.
14. Bemis and the Board discussed a letter from Jeff Bluma, Rural Burlington, concerning enforcement of laws controlling noxious weeds. Mr. Bluma said Sericea Lespedeza is out of control in Coffey County. The Noxious Weed Department is making every effort to control noxious weeds on County right-of-way, and is required by law to notify landowners of noxious weed problems. The Board directed the Noxious Weed Director to follow current law in enforcing noxious weed control in Coffey County.
15. Bemis requested 3 cell phones for his staff, which were approved by the Board.
16. The Board and Bemis discussed purchasing a new truck to replace the 1984 Dodge.
17. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, requested a 20-minute executive session with the Board.
18. Rowley moved to recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes at 10:40 a.m. to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney, the Economic Development Director, and two principals of a company, to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of a corporation, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.
19. The Board resumed regular session at 11:00 a.m.

- 20.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented his report for the week of August 5th to August 9th, 2002.
- 21.** Item No. **95-25**; Harland Priddle, Executive Director of the Kansas Wildscape Foundation and Chuck Kreiser of the Kansas Wildscape Board presented the Governors Classic trophy to a local team consisting of Dennis George, Roger Teal and Vic Blaufuss. New plates, engraved with this year's winners and previous year's winners, were installed by Trophies & Things. The trophy now has uniform plates and engraving with correct spelling on all names. The trophy will be on display at the Coffey County Hospital.
- 22.** Item No. **95-29**; Hotaling finalized class schedule, brochures, application forms and advertising for 2002-2003 Leadership Coffey County Program. Applications are available at the Economic Development Office. Applications must be returned by September 30, 2002.
- 23.** Item No. **98-10**; Hotaling attended the SEK, Inc. Economic Development Council meeting in Pittsburg. Hotaling presented information on the SEK, Inc. golf tournament and provided hard copy for updating Coffey County information on the SEK, Inc. website. Hotaling shared information on the enterprise facilitation seminars co-sponsored by the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce. Hotaling discussed prospects generated by SEK, Inc. ad in Expansion Magazine. Hotaling also discussed the Business to Business Recycling Program being promoted by SEK Envirosource and SEK, Inc.
- 24.** Item No. **02-1**; Hotaling mailed flyers and course outline to presenters for enterprise facilitation seminars to be held September 12th & 26th and October 10th & 24th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Burlington High School Media Room. Hotaling also set up advertising for the seminars.
- 25.** Hotaling sent information to the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing on local programs for workforce training. Programs included: Basic Electronics Apprenticeship Program through the Coffey County Academy of Learning, the Flight Training Scholarship Program and the Enterprise Facilitation Seminars.
- 26.** Hub Caspar, County Engineer, presented the weekly report dated August 12, 2002. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.
- 27.** Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: One Road Permit was issued during the past week.
- 28.** Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit /Applications Report: Two Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
- 29.** The County Engineer also presented a request to adjust the price of county right-of-way fencing.

30. Merry moved to raise the price of county right-of-way fencing from \$.90 per ft. to \$1.00 per ft. effective today (8/12/02), seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

31. The Board also discussed county line road agreements and other road and bridge matters.

32. The County Attorney briefly addressed the Board regarding the Strawn Cemetery project. There would be a need for a circulated petition and a question submitted on the November 2002 ballot with a favorable outcome before the project can be accomplished.

33. Steve Lightle, Coffey County Housing Authority Director, reported a price increase on demolition of houses from \$1,500.00 to \$3,000.00. Lightle also inquired about how to dispose of old abandoned junk trailer houses. The County Engineer was asked to join the discussion and informed the Board that if the axles and frame are removed, the trailer can be disposed of in the (yet to be approved by the Board) Construction and Demolition (C&D) Landfill.

34. The Coffey County Attorney requested a 5-minute Executive Session with the Board.

35. Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m. for 5 minutes to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the Economic Development Director to discuss matters, which would be deemed privileged in the Attorney/Client relationship, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.

36. The Board resumed regular session at 11:50 a.m.

37. The Board held further discussion on a revised Purchasing Policy. The revision was concerning fuel purchases.

38. Following discussion, Merry moved to approve and adopt Home Rule Resolution No. HR-01C, **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PURCHASING PROCEDURES INVOLVING THE EXPENDITURE OF COUNTY FUNDS**, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried 4-yes, 1-no Crotts.

39. Consent Agenda

- A. Upon the request of Rock Creek Realty Insurance, Inc., and approval of the County Attorney as to form, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the EMC Insurance Company Rejection of Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Protection Coverage form.
- B. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notices for CSA compensation for Robert Reed as Acting Department Head and John Zuern as Zoning Administrator for the month of August 2002.

- C. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign one Refund of Taxes, Number 4636, payable to James A. Greer, in the amount of \$143.40, for the year 2001.
Reason: Jet ski and boats were sold in 2000 as per letter.
- D. Upon the recommendation of the Sanitarian, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Health Department's State Fiscal Year 2003 Local Environmental Protection Program Grant Agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, with the amount of base funding of \$7,000.00 and a Source Water Assessment of Public Water Supplies in the amount of \$1000.00.

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

41. The Board recessed at 12:10 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Coffey County EOC for Wolf Creek E-Plan training.

42. Sleezer moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m., seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Not Required

- 1. Hawver's Capitol Journal – 8-6; 8-7; 8-8; 8-9
- 2. Housing Authority – Minutes of June 27 and June 6, 2002
- 3. KDOT – press release regarding rehabilitation of I-35. (Surveying activity)
- 4. Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice

Minutes, August 12, 2002

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk