

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 6:00 p.m. Monday evening, August 13, 2009. Chairman Rowley called the meeting to order and moved to enter into a budget hearing at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of hearing and answering any objections of taxpayers, relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of 2010 ad valorem tax, seconded by Saueressig. Motion carried. County Clerk Angie Kirchner, County Attorney Doug Witteman and Administrative Assistant Donna Berland, were also present.

2. The Board moved to the basement meeting room due to the attendance of several citizens and County Department Heads. In attendance were Appraiser Connie Lawrence, Economic Development Director Jon Hotaling, Mary Walker, Coffey County Fire Chief Bill Walker, Engineer Wayne Blackbourn, Information Technology Director Bill Bauer, Coffey County Library Administrator Jenifer Trimble, County Engineer Wayne Blackbourn, Coffey County Republican Editor Mark Petterson, County Sheriff Randy Rogers, County Treasurer JoAnn Raaf, Register of Deeds Gwen Birk, Adron Johnson, Dave Williams, Conrad and Valeta Parmely, Carl Zcheile, Janet Lewis, Ralph Hess, Charlie and Donna Nickel, Dale Free, Keith Gunlock, David Neufeld and Roger Cook.

3. The meeting was opened for comments or objections from the public. Commissioners and Department Heads listened to comments and answered questions regarding the proposed budget and operations of the County. Among several other topics, citizens posed questions related to the Housing Authority, Economic Development, Road and Bridge and the Airport. The Board also answered questions regarding departmental expenditures and other County services. The Commissioners each indicated that at this time they were not in favor of reducing the level of County services. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to all of the citizens that attended the budget hearing to express their concerns. The Commissioners indicated they would take into consideration citizens' concerns in future decisions.

4. Sipe moved to close the public hearing at 8:55 p.m., seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

5. Saueressig moved to approve the year 2010 Coffey County budget as published, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

6. The Board returned to the Commission Chambers at 9:02 p.m.

7. Rowley adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Minutes, August 13, 2009

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk