

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 20, 2007, to allow commissioners to individually review correspondence. Chairman Tim Sipe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Larry Crotts, Kimberly Robrahn and Bob Saueressig present. Also present were Angie Kirchner, County Clerk, Donna Berland, Administrative Assistant, and Doug Witteman, County Attorney. Tim East, WCNOC Representative, was also present. Fred Rowley, Jr. was absent from the meeting.

2. Robrahn moved to approve the minutes of Monday, August 13, 2007, as written, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign one (1) tax abatement to the Treasurer's tax roll in the amount of \$120.36.

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

4. Crotts moved, to find that the various items of property contained on a listing dated August 20, 2007, are no longer required and cannot prudently be used for public purposes of Coffey County, and as such, the same will be disposed of by public auction. Said auction will occur on September 15, 2007, at 8:00 a.m., at the Coffey County Shop, 1510 S. 6th, Burlington, Kansas. The County Clerk is authorized and directed to publish the Notice of Intent to Dispose of Property in the official County newspaper, seconded by Saueressig. Motion carried.

5. Health Department Administrator Lindsay Payer met with the Board to give an update on training she had taken. Payer reported that the Health Department has been busy with back to school shots. Schools are requiring two chicken pox shots for all students versus the previous requirement of one shot. The County may receive their first round of flu shots inventory earlier than usual. Payer will hold a drive through flu shot clinic for the Health Department to practice their emergency plan at the EMS Bay or Kelley Park.

6. Item No. 95-21; Hotaling received a schedule for the 2007 Wolf Creek drills. There could be up to 8 drills depending on performance of the teams. The first drill is August 23rd with the final exercise being held on November 6th & 7th. Hotaling should be able to attend all but the August 23rd drill.

7. Item No. 95-32; Hotaling accompanied Craig VanWey, Kansas Department of Commerce Representative for Southeast Kansas, on an informational presentation to Kara Beyer at Countertop Trends, LLC in Gridley. VanWey updated Beyer on Department of Commerce programs including job training grants. Hotaling provided information on the new Certificates Of Participation payment amount effective 11-1-07 through 10-1-08, at which time the COP's will be paid off. Countertop Trends intends to complete the purchase of the building at that time as provided for in the lease purchase agreement. Beyer gave us a tour of the facility after the meeting. Several new pieces of equipment have been installed along with new lighting.

- 8.** Item No. 98-6; Hotaling attended the SEK Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee meeting in Chanute on August 2nd. A loan was approved for \$100,000 to a Southeast Kansas business pending a few requirements yet to be met. Hotaling discussed the loan application from a businessman planning to purchase a Coffey County business and expand operations. Hotaling prepared agendas and took minutes for the Local Loan Review Board meeting with the business owners. The local board voted unanimously to support the application and sent it on to the Regional Loan Review Board. The regional board will meet with business owners on August 29th in Chanute. Final approval of the loan could come at the next SEKRPC Executive Committee meeting to be held on September 11th.
- 9.** Item No. 98-7; Hotaling attended the annual Southeast Kansas Tourism Region (SEKTR) meeting at Fort Scott Community College on Thursday, August 16th. The organization approved attending the Tulsa, Oklahoma Boat and Travel Show, January 28th – February 3rd, 2008. The organization will also have a group tent at the 2008 Kansas Sampler Festival in Concordia. SEKTR is sponsoring a marketing seminar for tourism and tourism related businesses on October 16th in Chanute. The 2008 edition of “Southeast Kansas Adventures and Day Trips” will be published the end of January 2008. With the assistance from Museum Director, Deborah Kennamore, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Mary Walker, and her assistant, Kenda Rose, draft copies of four different day trips has been written for the magazine.
- 10.** Item No. 05-3; The SEK Prosperity Foundation has raised nearly \$500,000 from marketing tax credits to investing businesses and individuals. This funding will be used for the regional leadership academy, small business loans, infrastructure improvements, small business development, etc. The SEK Prosperity Foundation Board will meet on September 11th in Chanute to discuss how to use the funding to stimulate Economic Development in Southeast Kansas.
- 11.** Item No. 07-3; Cable TV ads promoting the Burlington’s 150th Celebration have been written and should be completed in a few days. They will air the first 3 weeks of September.
- 12.** Hotaling mailed information on historical preservation procedures to a Coffey County resident. Hotaling also sent contact information for State of Kansas Historical Preservation grants.
- 13.** Hotaling completed the loan report for the period of July 1st through July 31st, 2007.
- 14.** Hotaling met with a Coffey County citizen interested in starting a vegetable growing truck farm. Hotaling will check with the USDA and Network Kansas for possible loan funding.
- 15.** Hotaling is completing the loan application to Network Kansas for \$5,000 in support of a Coffey County business. Coffey County is required to match the Network Kansas loan amount bringing the total loan to \$10,000.
- 16.** Hotaling attended the Kansas BioSpeaker Series at Pittsburg State University. Tom Thornton, President and CEO of the Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA), spoke about the KBA’s

charge of investing more than \$580 million over the next 10 years to grow the bioscience industry in Kansas.

17. Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Becky Jewett met with the Board to report that the County's two sirens will be delivered to Wolf Creek. American Signal Corporation will be installing the County's two sirens along with Wolf Creek's sirens. Jewett also informed the Board that American Signal is going to use a VHF frequency.

17a. Sipe moved to find that two Model 2001 emergency sirens are no longer required, or cannot prudently be used for public purposes of the County and shall be disposed of by trade-in sale to American Signal Corporation, seconded by Robrahn. Motion carried.

18. Wayne Blackburn, County Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly report dated August 20, 2007. Jeff Beyer, Landfill Supervisor, was also present.

19. Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: No Road Permits were issued during the past week.

20. Item No. 99-20; Zoning Permits/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.

21. Item No. 99-20; Landfill: Solid Waste Management Unit Weekly Report:

Solid Waste:	182.13 tons
Special Waste:	0 tons
Const. Debris:	47.48 tons
Brush:	.53 tons
Metal:	.47 tons
Tire Total:	0
Passenger:	0
Truck:	0
Equipment:	0
Appliances:	0

22. Item No. 2007-24; Personnel: Request authorization to hire one Equipment Operator for the Grading Crew.

22a. Robrahn moved to approve the County Engineer's request to advertise and hire one Equipment Operator for the Grading Crew, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

23. Blackburn also presented the Construction Zone report for the week of August 20, 2007. Blackburn requested to raise the purchase price for right-of-way. The Board directed Blackburn to research the purchase price for right-of-way and to return with a recommendation. Landfill Supervisor Jeff Beyer discussed the possibility of establishing a Tire Amnesty Program. Beyer stated that Shawnee County self funds their program where they allow 5 pasture tires per household. Citizens could bring in tires at no charge. Coffey County does not currently have a

Tire Amnesty Program. Beyer didn't see any reason to change the current policy at this time. Beyer was approached by another County to see if the County's tipping fees would be increasing. Beyer didn't want to increase the in-County tipping fees. Beyer believed that the out-of-County tipping fees should increase. Beyer was concerned that Coffey County would be less expensive than other counties and other counties would deliver their refuse here over other counties. Blackburn suggested that the rate should increase to generate additional revenue which would still be less expensive than other counties so that we wouldn't deter the additional revenue. Eureka, Fall River and Woodson counties deliver their refuse to Coffey County. The Board was in favor of a recommendation for an increase for out-of-County tipping fees and leaving the in-County tipping fees the same. Beyer will return with a recommendation for a tipping fee increase. Beyer also discussed implementing a composting program. Beyer explained that he would need more manpower to handle a compost program. Currently the compost goes into Solid Waste as trash and there is not a current program for compost. Blackburn stated that a pilot program could be developed to study the volume of compost the landfill receives through two seasons. There would be additional costs and a question lies of where would the County get the additional revenue to handle those costs. The Board would like to see some numbers related to possibility establishing a Compost Program. Sipe inquired about requirements for Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDLs) for Road and Bridge. Blackburn will look into the requirement of equipment operators and who should hold a CDL.

24. The Board will sign warrants and vouchers on Wednesday, August 29th, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., and address any other County business that may arise.

25. The Board will sign warrants and vouchers on Wednesday, September 26th, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., and address any other County business that may arise.

26. Sipe adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

No Response Required

1. Deb Miller - Kansas Department of Transportation - August 10, 2007
2. Whitney Damron - News Article of Interest - August 13, 2007
3. Whitney Damron - Special Committee in Judiciary - District Attorney Topic - August 17, 2007
4. The Kiplinger Letter - August 10, 2007
5. The Kiplinger Tax Letter - August 10, 2007
6. Coffey County Airport - Agendas: July 9, 2007 & August 13, 2007 - Minutes: July 9, 2007
7. Hawver's Capitol Flash - August 13, 14, 15, 17, 2007

8. League of Kansas Municipalities - 2008 SVPE Grant Application - August 16, 2007
9. League of Kansas Municipalities - Retirement Trainings - August 16, 2007
10. City of Gridley - Minutes of the August 6, 2007 Council Meeting - August 16, 2007
11. Kansas Preservation - Kansas State Historical Society - August 16, 2007
12. Coffey County Fire District #1 - Agenda: August 20, 2007 - Minutes: July 16, 2007
Minutes, August 20, 2007

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk