

- 1.** The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 17, 2001, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Fred Rowley, Jr., Johnnie Sleezer, Tim Sipe and Larry Crotts present. Also present were County Clerk Vernon Birk, Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer and County Attorney Doug Witteman. Coffey County Republican Editor Mark Petterson and WCNOC Representative Jenny Hageman were present for part of the meeting.
- 2.** Sleezer moved to approve the minutes of Monday, September 10, 2001, as corrected, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried. Corrections were: Monday, September 10, 2001, paragraph 5, replace 'stress' with "risk". Paragraph 7, delete 'if Western Resources, Inc. and the New Mexico Utility Company merge'. Paragraph 17, add "Jon Hotaling" after 'Commissioners'. Paragraph 25, delete all except 'Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Review bids and make award'.
- 3.** Commissioner Merry asked the Board to review the Kansas Association of Counties Legislative Platform and to let him know of any suggestions, as he will be attending the KAC video uplink meeting at Topeka on October 3, 2001 to discuss the 2002 KAC Legislative Platform draft.
- 4.** Sheriff Randy Rogers reported the Coffey County Lake has been closed since the national terrorist action on Tuesday, September 9, 2001, and Rogers is concerned about his employees returning to work. Rogers will contact plant officials with his concerns. The Board indicated they would like to have an employee at the lake gatehouse to advise visitors and to suggest alternative fishing in the County.
- 4 a.** Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 9:17 a.m. for 10 minutes to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the County Sheriff to discuss matters which would be considered privileged in the attorney/client relationship, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 5.** The Board resumed regular session at 9:27 a.m.
- 6.** Commissioners Crotts and Sleezer volunteered to serve on a fence viewing committee for a fence viewing requested by Glenn Fellers.
- 7.** Noxious Weed Director Todd Bemis met with the Board to discuss a shortage in chemicals for the rest of the 2001 season. Bemis updated the Board on the current Noxious Weed budget. The Board directed Bemis to order chemicals not to exceed \$30,000.00 which will be paid from the General Fund. The Board also suggested that Bemis coordinate with the County mower crew regarding the spraying of noxious weeds on County right-of-way.
- 8.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented and discussed his weekly report for the week of September 10th to September 14th, 2001.

- 9.** Item No. 95-8; Hotaling completed the Tri-County Calendar of Events covering September to December activities. Hotaling mailed out 50 copies to Allen and Woodson counties. Hotaling will deliver 100 additional copies to each of them at the Tri-County meeting to be held on September 25, 2001 in Yates Center.
- 10.** Item No. 98-18; Hotaling spoke with the Mayor of New Strawn concerning UCC renewal for New Eagle Communications, Inc. New Strawn also has acreage available for business development.
- 11.** Item No. 95-21; Hotaling attended the meeting in the EOC concerning heightened security at WCNOC and the closing of Coffey County Lake after the terrorist attacks in New York City.
- 12.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling attended the Coffey County Historical Museum Annual meeting. Marci Penner of the Kansas Sampler Foundation presented information on the Kansas Sampler Festival to be held in Ottawa on October 6th and 7th. The crowd enjoyed participating in the "Go Kansas" game show featuring trivia questions about Kansas.
- 13.** Item No. 95-29; Hotaling finalized the information for the Leadership Coffey County youth program. The brochures and application forms will be reviewed by the youth leadership committee at the September 24, 2001 meeting.
- 14.** Item No. 97-6; Hotaling attended the Coffey County Manufacturer's Association (CCMA) meeting. Vicki Vineyard, of the Coffey County Academy of Learning, presented information to the CCMA members on the new basic electronics apprenticeship program. Sheila Markowitz, with the Kansas Department of Human Resources, also spoke about job training programs available through her agency, including the welfare to work program and the job training investment act. Diana Gunlock provided information on the Coffey County Employment Program and job services available through her program.
- 15.** Item No. 98-10; SEK, Inc. quarterly forum meeting, to be held in Chanute on September 18th, has been cancelled. The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees will go ahead and meet in Chanute.
- 16.** Item No. 01-2; Hotaling completed the final loan disbursement to Ed Hosford for a small business loan.
- 17.** Jenny Hageman, WCNOC, reported that due to the terrorist actions last Tuesday destroying the World Trade Center in New York City and damaging the Pentagon, the plant is on heightened awareness and security measures have been increased at the plant, some of which included closing the coolant lake until further notice. A news release regarding this action was discussed among the Board, Sheriff Rogers and Hageman. Hageman will be in touch with Jeannene Ryan about preparing a joint news release with Coffey County.

18. Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, presented his weekly report dated September 17, 2001. John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, and Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, were unable to attend due to other commitments.
19. Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: No Road Permits were issued during the past week.
20. Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
21. Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Dave Burke, with American Disposal, is requesting permission to haul solid waste from the City of Madison to Coffey County Landfill after October 9, 2001 when Greenwood County will close their landfill. Approximately 46 tons per month. **The Board requested that Mr. Burke provide a model agreement regarding the request for our County Attorney to draft an agreement for consideration by the Board.**
22. The Board also directed the County Engineer to coordinate with the Noxious Weed Director regarding mowing and spraying of County right-of-way.
23. Merry moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign a Detour Agreement (Br. No. 75-16-98.19 (021)) Maintenance Repair Project, between the Secretary of Transportation for the State of Kansas and Coffey County, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
24. Sipe moved to approve Resolution No. 698, A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BRING THE PERPETRATORS TO JUSTICE, AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITIZENS OF COFFEY COUNTY SUPPORT RELIEF EFFORTS BY GIVING BLOOD AND CONTRIBUTING TO CHARITABLE RELIEF AGENCIES, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
25. Sipe moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Carl Lee, Landfill Supervisor, upon completion of IPP, with a change in wages from \$13.74/hr. to \$14.24/hr., effective September 19, 2001, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.
26. Sleezer moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the management representation letter from Hutinett, Schlotterbeck & Burns, L.L.C. regarding the audit of financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2000, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
27. The next SEK County Officials meeting will be hosted by Linn County on October 18, 2001.

28. Commissioner Merry provided the Board with an update regarding his and the County Attorney's meeting concerning Strawn Cemetery with the Corps of Engineers in Tulsa this past week.

29. Crotts moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m., seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Optional

1. KDHR – Notice of Seminar
2. State of Kansas– Insurance Department – Notice of public meetings.

Response Not Required

3. The Kiplinger Letter – August 24, 2001 and August 31, 2001.
4. City of Waverly – Minutes, August 6, 2001.
5. Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture – Newsletter, Summer 2001.
6. Robert Badenach, Chief, State Appraised Property Bureau – Thank you.
7. City of Burlington – Minutes, August 15, 2001.

Minutes, September 17, 2001

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk