

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, September 24, 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 Crofts 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 Jeannene Ryan were present for part of the meeting. Also present was Jane Douglass.

2. Otto Maynard, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Wolf Creek Operating Corporation, met with the Board to answer any questions and to discuss the heightened security awareness of the Wolf Creek Plant. Maynard stated that there have been no threats and the plant is taking actions they feel are appropriate in light of the recent terrorist actions against America. Also discussed was the closing of Coffey County Lake to fishing and Maynard will discuss the status of that situation with John Johnson, Manager Resource Protection.

3. Sipe moved to approve the minutes of September 17, 2001, as written, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Upon the recommendation of the Noxious Weed Director, move to extend the time frame for employment of James Komma as S.T. Temp Laborer until October 31, 2001. He will remain at the current pay rate.

B. Upon the recommendation of the Health Department Administrator and the Wellness Committee, in order to recognize October as being National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, approve insertion of a magnet in the September payroll envelopes.

C. Upon the recommendation of the Road Supervisor, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Larry P. Hoffman, at a change in classification from M-III-a(-) to M-III-a and a change in hourly wage from \$10.13 to \$10.38. This is a change from S.T. Temp Truck Driver to Full Time Driver.

D. Upon the recommendation of the Sheriff, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Troy Friend, as Jailer, at a classification of LE-II-a(-) and an hourly wage of \$8.84, effective September 21, 2001.

E. Upon the recommendation of the County Treasurer and approval of the County Attorney as to form, approve the Kansas County Treasurer Bond by Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Company for Jo Ann Raaf, Coffey County Treasurer, for the term expiring October 2005.

F. Move to authorize the County Clerk to sign the Annual Township Reports for Liberty Township and Star Township.

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

5. Crotts moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign four (4) Orders of Refund of taxes in the amount of \$187.91, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

No. 4495 payable to John Wayne Norman in the amount of \$54.94 for the year 1998.

Reason: Exempted 1994 Kawasaki ATV. Doc #2001-649-TX.

No. 4496 payable to John Wayne Norman in the amount of \$54.55 for the year 1999.

Reason: Exempted 1994 Kawasaki ATV, Doc #2001-649-TX.

No. 4497 payable to John Wayne Norman in the amount of \$60.04 for the year 2000.

Reason: Exempted 1994 Kawasaki ATV, Doc #2001-649-TX.

No. 4498 payable to Ivey Sutton in the amount of \$18.38 for the year 2000.

Reason: Correct value on boat.

6. Sleezer moved, upon the recommendation of the Information Systems Administrator and approval of the County Attorney, to accept the bid of Insight, of Tempe, Arizona, for an Okidata ML 390 dot matrix printer and to purchase the Okidata ML 390 dot matrix printer from Insight, at a cost of \$370.00, with funds to come from Courthouse General Fund, Capital Outlay Line, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.

7. Rowley moved, upon the recommendation of the Sheriff, to waive full IPP for Ron Petersen, and authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice with a change in wages from \$11.92 to \$12.17, effective October 1, 2001, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried, 4-yes, 1-no, Sipe.

8. Crotts moved to authorize the Highway Department to apply for a Visa business credit card from Commerce Bank, via First National Bank of Kansas, for departmental use, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

9. The Board briefly discussed the KAC Legislative Platform, which will also be discussed at a video uplink at seven sites across the state on October 3rd, 2001.

10. Sleezer moved to appoint Gene L. Merry as voting delegate, Tim Sipe as 1st alternate and Fred Rowley, Jr. as 2nd alternate voting delegates to the 26th annual Kansas Association of Counties conference in November 2001, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

- 11.** The Board, County Attorney and Economic Development Director discussed the Ampro debt to Coffey County. The Board also discussed a possible lease with Kansas Die Casting and Manufacturing, Inc. Hotaling will continue to monitor the matter.
- 12.** The County Attorney reported the date of October 22, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. in the courthouse lobby has been set for the delinquent tax sale.
- 13.** A joint meeting of the Coffey County Commissioners and the Coffey County Fire District No. 1 Board of Directors has been scheduled for October 15, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Coffey County Fire Station at Gridley.
- 14.** Jane Douglass asked about the activity at the airport. The Board explained a parallel taxiway was being put in as a result of the airport receiving a 90/10 grant.
- 15.** Jon Hotaling presented the weekly report for the week of September 17th to September 21st, 2001.
- 16.** Item No. 95-3; Hotaling checked with the First National Bank representative on the progress of County Critters' settlement and potential short-term tenant for the building. Hotaling should have something finalized in a few weeks.
- 17.** Item No. 95-29; Hotaling finalized a draft brochure and application form for Leadership Coffey County Youth Program. The Youth Leadership Committee will review and revise as necessary on 9-24-01. Karen Skillman has been faxed a copy and will be providing input. Skillman has been busy with a computer virus problem at the Topeka YMCA where she is the business manager.
- 18.** Item No. 95-29; Hotaling attended the Kansas Leadership Forum Annual Conference in Great Bend. Presentations were on different leadership programs and how to make classes more interesting and mood friendly for students. Hotaling was appointed the Treasurer of the organization for 2001-2002. Hotaling provided a gift basket promoting Coffey County and fishing at Coffey County Lake.
- 19.** Item No. 98-7; Hotaling attended the Southeast Kansas Tourism Region meeting in Osawatomie. The organization finalized plans for the Kansas Sampler Festival in Ottawa on October 5th and 6th. The committees finalized the annual reports. Hotaling discussed the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing Travel Division attraction grant workshops coming up next week.
- 20.** Item No. 98-10; Hotaling attended the SEK, Inc. Executive Committee and Board of Trustees meeting in Chanute. The Executive Committee discussed options for the organizations since Mike Mabrey, Executive Director, has resigned effective the end of October. Chairman Ann Charles requested input from Trustees before the Executive Committee meets again in two weeks.

21. Hotaling reviewed loan accounts and lease accounts with Harley Schlotterbeck. Ronda McCullough set up an account tracking program with Schlotterbeck for lease accounts. The loan accounts and lease account balances were correct.
22. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, presented the weekly report dated September 24, 2001. County Engineer Hub Caspar was unable to attend due to illness.
23. Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: No Road Permits were issued during the past week.
24. Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
25. Item No. 99-13; Landfill:
26. Sleezer moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval as to form by the County Attorney, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the contract for Project No. LL 2101-C: Leachate Piping and Pumps and Electrical Control, with Carrothers Construction Company, L.L.C., seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
27. Rowley 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 the Statutory Bond with Carrothers Construction Company, L.L.C. as contractor and CGU Insurance Company as Surety, for Project No. LL-2102-C, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
28. Commissioner Sleezer requested the Engineer's office check on the status of a certain right-of-way in the Gridley area.
29. County Clerk Vernon Birk provided population figures from the 2000 census for each Commission District. The Board is required by K.S.A. 19-204 to review the district populations every three years. The districts are to be as compact and equal in population as possible. The Board reviewed the information and found no improvement could be made.
30. Sipe moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.. until 8:30 a.m. Thursday, September 27, 2001, to sign warrants and vouchers and to attend to other County business that may arise, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Not Required

1. State of Kansas – Department of Revenue – Letter regarding statistical and procedural compliance review.
2. Newsletter – Recycling In Kansas, Vol. 13, No. 4
3. City of Burlington – Minutes, September 5, 2001
4. KTECnology – Newsletter, Vol. 8, Issue 5

Response Optional

5. University of Kansas – Notice of Seminar
Minutes, September 24, 2001

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk