

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, October 2, 2000, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Bill Knapp, Johnnie Sleezer, and Perry Powell present. County Clerk Vernon Birk, County Attorney Doug Witteman and Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer were also present. Jenny Hageman, WCNOG representative, was present for part of the meeting. Commissioner Sipe was absent due to another commitment.

2. Knapp moved to approve the minutes of September 25, as corrected. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried. Corrections were: September 25, 2000, paragraph 26, add "per the Agreement" after 'deductions'. Paragraph 28, add after first sentence, "Commissioner Knapp requested a written justification for each of the farmstead access grading projects." Correspondence, delete item 8.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approve payment of annual dues for year 2001 for the American Nuclear Society for Gene L. Merry in the amount of \$96.00, with funds to come from the Commission, Contractual Services Line.

B. Upon the recommendation of Becky Jewett, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the application forms of Vernon Birk, Jon Hotaling, Mary Bloomer and Gloria Bagley-Lane for the Kansas Division of Emergency Management Training sessions for Basic and Advanced Public Information Officers. Birk and Hotaling are PIO's and Bloomer and Bagley-Lane are Alternate PIO's. There is no cost associated with the training sessions, **except required travel.**

C. Upon the recommendation of the Director, Coffey County Housing Authority, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Real Estate Mortgage Release. The Mortgagor is Belva Powell.

D. Approve enrollment of Mary Bloomer in the KAC Effective Supervisory Skills Certification Program.

3a. Knapp moved to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. Seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

4. Powell moved to approve the minutes of September 28, 2000, as written. Seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

5. The County Clerk presented quotes for a sprinkler system for the west and north portion of the Coffey County Courthouse lawn. Only one (1) bid was received. Bids presented:

COURTHOUSE LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEM (EAST & NORTH PORTIONS)	
Vendor #1-	Cooks Plumbing-Burlington, KS 77839
\$	NO BID
Vendor #2-	Shellers, Inc.-Emporia, KS 66801
\$6,975.00	Sprinkler System & Installation
Vendor #3	Hermes Landscaping-Olathe, KS
\$	NO BID

5a. Sleezer moved upon the recommendation of the County Clerk, to approve the bid of Shellers Inc., for a sprinkler system, as being the best bid and that award be made to Shellers Inc., Emporia, KS, and to authorize the County Clerk to sign such agreement, with funds to come from Courthouse General, Capital Outlay. Seconded by Knapp. Motion carried.

6. Becky Jewett, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, presented the monthly report for September.

7. Lynn Bonney, S.O.S. Community Educator, discussed domestic violence awareness concerns with the Board. Bonney asked the Board to approve a proclamation urging all Coffey County residents to join in working to end domestic violence.

7a. Sleezer moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign a proclamation proclaiming the month of October 2000 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Seconded by Knapp. Motion carried. The County Clerk was directed to have the Proclamation published.

8. The Board discussed correspondence from Norton County regarding swine facilities and hog farm expansions. The County Attorney was asked to review and provide report to the Board.

9. Merry moved to recess into Executive Session at 9:59 a.m. for five (5) minutes to include each of the Commissioners present and the County Attorney to discuss matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship. Seconded by Knapp. Motion carried.

10. The Board resumed regular session at 10:04 a.m.

11. The Board discussed information provided by Todd Bemis, Noxious Weed Director, regarding spraying the Bowman-Adgate Cemetery.

11a. The County Clerk will draft a letter to the Bowman-Adgate Cemetery Board regarding

the chemical treatment for grass control in the Bowman-Adgate Cemetery driveways.

12. Powell moved to approve the advertisement for two (2) at-large positions on the Coffey County Housing Authority Board. Seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

13. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, introduced Jac Jensik, State Bank of Fredonia, and requested an Executive Session.

13a. Knapp moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. for ten (10) minutes to include each of the Commissioners present, the County Attorney, the Economic Development Director and Jac L. Jensik to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of a corporation. Seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

14. The Board resumed regular session at 10:40 a.m.

15. Knapp moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Consent to Assignment of the Lease Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners, Coffey County, Kansas, and Jerry W. Rice, to the State Bank of Fredonia, for the building known as Burlington Cinemas, upon approval by the County Attorney as to form. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried.

16. Hotaling also presented his weekly report for the week of September 25th to September 29th, 2000.

17. Item No. 95-3; Hotaling met with Richard Bell to discuss operations at Country Critters. Hotaling picked up a "Country Bear" to use for a door prize at the Kansas Sampler Festival in Ottawa, October 7th and 8th.

18. Item No. 95-9; Hotaling completed and mailed out agendas for the Coffey County Strategic Planning Committee meeting to be held at the Coffey County Hospital on Wednesday, October 4th, at 12 noon.

19. Item No. 95-24; Hotaling attended a presentation of document imaging software by three (3) vendors at the department head meeting.

20. Item No. 96-5; Hotaling contacted the spec building business prospect. The prospect's attorney is reviewing lease documents and will be contacting County Attorney, Doug Witteman, in the next few days.

21. Item No. 98-6; Hotaling received the final draft of the SEKPRC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy from Dave Burnett for final review. Hotaling reviewed Coffey County information and will share with Strategic Planning Committee for any additional revisions.

22. Item No. 98-7; Hotaling is working with Chris Bauman of the Neodesha Chamber of

Commerce on design of the Southeast Kansas Tourism Region's tent and display for the Kansas Sampler Festival in Ottawa. Hotaling will be working to set up a display Friday, October 6th and then in the Coffey County area all day Saturday.

23. Item No. 98-10; Hotaling joined the SEK, Inc. Executive Committee in Iola to interview three (3) candidates for the SEK, Inc. Executive Director's position. Hotaling also joined the committee in viewing a possible office space for the organization. Hotaling sent out thank you letters to program presenters at the September 15th SEK, Inc. quarterly meeting at Linn Valley Lakes, Kansas. Hotaling made an information presentation on SEK, Inc. to the Lake Region RC&D Board Members at their meeting in Ottawa the evening of September 28th.

24. Hotaling is finalizing a flight training scholarship program. Hotaling is meeting with a Burlington prospect and BHS counselor on Wednesday, October 4, 2000. Airport representatives will also be attending the meeting. A student has been identified from USD 243 and Hotaling hopes to meet with both the USD 243 and USD 245 counselors in the next few weeks.

25. Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:53 a.m. for five (5) minutes to include each of the Commissioners present, the County Attorney and the Economic Development Director to discuss matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship. Seconded by Knapp. Motion carried.

26. The Board resumed regular session at 10:58 a.m.

27. Commissioner Knapp requested that Hotaling present the Board with continuing updated information on organizational structures of alternative industrial development organizations and other non-profit economic development organizations.

28. Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, presented the weekly report dated October 2, 2000. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.

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

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

31. Caspar reported the Semi-Annual Association of County Commissioners and Highway Officials of SE Kansas will be October 10, 2000 in Chanute, KS.

32. The County Clerk will get quotes to remove and redo a portion of sidewalk at the courthouse to correct leveling problems with the surface.

33. The Board scheduled a road tour of Coffey County roads for Monday afternoon, October

9th.

34. Knapp moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Required:

1. Larry Walrod-Letter regarding Comprehensive Plan.

Response Optional:

2. Kansas University-Notice of Seminar.

Response Not Required:

3. Pat Roberts-Letter regarding Coffey County being declared an agricultural disaster area.
4. City of Burlington-Minutes-September 6, 2000.
5. Recycling Kansas-Newsletter-October 2000.
6. City of New Strawn-Thank you.

Minutes, October 2, 2000

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk