

- 1.** The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, October 3, 2005, to allow commissioners to individually review correspondence. Chairman Fred Rowley, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members R. Kraig Kirchner, Tim Sipe, Gene Merry and Larry Crotts present. Also present were Angie Kirchner, Coffey County Clerk, Doug Witteman, Coffey County Attorney, and Donna Berland, Administrative Assistant. Present for a portion of the meeting were Tim East, WCNOC Representative, and Mark Petterson, Coffey County Republican Editor.
- 2.** Crotts moved, to approve the minutes of Monday, September 26, 2005, as corrected, seconded by Sipe. Add new “Paragraph 5a. The Board also discussed the County mowing policy and decided that it should remain as it currently is.” Paragraph 10., delete ‘16th’ replace with “The road”. Paragraph 23a., add “Sheriff’s” before ‘Annex’.
- 3.** Sipe moved to approve the minutes of Thursday, September 29, 2005, as written, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.
- 4.** Merry moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Donna Berland, Administrative Assistant, from Classification TPIIIc(-) to TPIIIc, hourly rate from \$16.38 to \$16.63, effective 10/3/05, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.
- 5.** Merry moved to designate Rowley as voting delegate; Sipe as 1st alternate; and Crotts as 2nd alternate to the 30th annual conference of the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) to be held at Topeka, Kansas, November 20th through November 22nd, 2005, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.
- 6.** Merry moved, to appoint Bill Parker as a member of the Coffey County Housing Authority Board to a four-year term, effective October 26, 2005, and ending October 26, 2009, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried 4-yes, 1-no, Crotts.
- 7.** Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Becky Jewett met with the Board to present the monthly report for the month of September 2005. Chairman Rowley inquired about the trouble with the sirens and if that is a normal issue. Tim East, WCNOC Representative, explained that there was human error in the sounding of the Ottumwa Siren and said that a PIR had been written by WCNOC. Jewett informed the Board that the Pre-exercise drill is October 26th.
- 8.** Hub Caspar, County Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly report dated September 26, 2005. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, and Jeff Beyer, Landfill Supervisor, were also present.
- 9.** Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: Eight Road Permits were issued during the past week.
- 10.** Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week.
- 11.** Item No. 99-13; Landfill: KDHE proposed E-Waste program – first draft.

- 12.** Item No. 2005-12; Bridge Steel: Review bids and make award.
- 12a.** Merry moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to accept the bid from Carter –Waters of \$15,127.36 as being the best bid for the rebar and accessories for Bridge No. 33, to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 13.** Item No. 2005-17; Speed Limit Resolution: 26th Place from Emmer Road east to Sunset Street in the City of Lebo.
- 13a.** Rowley moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to approve Resolution No. 755 authorizing changing the Speed Limit signs from 40 mph to 30 mph on 26th Place from Emmer Road east to Sunset Street in the City of Lebo, Kansas, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
- 14.** Caspar presented a Notification of future traffic counting by KDOT.
- 15.** Caspar also presented the Construction Zone Report for the week ending October 3, 2005.
- 16.** Cellular One Representative Mike Blake met with the Board to provide information about U.S. Cellular buying out Cellular One. The merger is expected to be completed by end of August and no later than the end of November. Currently the County has two cell phone plans through Cellular One, and as a promotion, the County is being offered as an existing customer to renew service agreements at a locked in rate for up to two years. U.S. Cellular will honor all existing contracts. The Board directed Donna Berland, Administrative Assistant, to work with the department heads and Mike Blake on any cell phone upgrades and contract renewals.
- 17.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, submitted the weekly report for the week of October 3, 2005.
- 18.** Item No. 95-9; Hotaling composed and mailed out the agenda for the Coffey County Strategic Planning Committee meeting to be held at the Coffey County Hospital on Wednesday, October 5th, at 12 noon.
- 19.** Item No. 95-24; Hotaling attended the annual Kansas Economic Developer’s Association conference in Great Bend. On Tuesday, Hotaling attended a presentation on tax increment financing, transportation development districts, star bonds, and industrial revenue bonds presented by Gary Anderson, of Gillmore & Bell. Hotaling also attended the presentation on eminent domain and other critical legislative issues coming up this year. On Wednesday, Hotaling attended a presentation on “Revitalizing Downtowns” by Terry Woodberry, with Kansas Communities, LLC, Hotaling also attended a presentation on “Wireless and Fiber Optic Communications”. Tracy Taylor, of KTEC, gave a report on the “Kansas Bio Science Initiative” and Steve Jack, of the Kansas Department of Commerce, gave a presentation on “Workforce Development Efforts at KDOC”.

- 20.** Item No. 95-29; Hotaling completed a draft brochure and the agendas for the Leadership Coffey County Program. The first class will be held on Monday, January 23rd. The class will conclude with session #5 on April 17th. Hotaling will meet next week to review a draft with the leadership taskforce and make any additions or changes that need to be made.
- 21.** Item No. 97-6; Hotaling finalized the minutes and the agenda for the next Coffey County Manufacturer's Association meeting. Hotaling also designed a flyer and a billing statement to try to attract past members and new members into joining or rejoining the organization.
- 22.** Hotaling met with John Chara, Director of the Southeast Kansas Department of Commerce Workforce Programs office. Chara discussed the 17 County Workforce Investment Board. Chara would like to get some representatives on the Board from Coffey County and gave Hotaling some possible names from this area to nominate to serve on the Board.
- 23.** On Wednesday, September 28th, Hotaling gave information on the proposed incentive package, contacts, etc., to Coffey County Attorney Doug Witteman to use in drafting a Memorandum of Understanding in conjunction with the Burlington City Attorney.
- 24.** The Board will sign checks and vouchers Friday, October 28th, 2005, at 8:30 a.m.
- 25.** Coffey County Transportation Executive Director Bill Walker met with the Board to discuss a letter he submitted to the Board regarding a potential loss of funds from KDOT, based on a case that is still pending against the KDOT Treasurer for misuse of funds. Walker expressed that Coffey County Transportation is growing in providing transportation for those in need of medical care. The Board offered to donate the 1996 Dodge Ram 12 passenger van after disposal of the van is made. Walker accepted the donation of the 1996 Dodge Ram 12 passenger van for Coffey County Transportation services.
- 25a.** Merry moved to allow up to an additional \$10,000.00 for Coffey County Transportation, due to the increase in fuel prices and increase in request for service, with funds to come from the General Fund, Community Improvement Line, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
- 25b.** Kirchner moved to find that one 1996 Dodge Ram van 12-passenger van Vin # 2B5W35Z3TK107889 is no longer required and cannot prudently be used for public purposes of the County, and as such should be disposed of by donating same to Coffey County Transportation. Notice of the Board's intent to dispose of said property shall be published two times in the official County newspaper, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.
- 26.** Sheriff Randy Rogers met with the Board to request that the Chairman sign the Wireless Enhanced E-911 Grant. Rogers also informed the Board that a lobbyist is working with a committee to implement the formation of legislation reducing the costs of medical bills and prescription meds for prisoners instead of the bills falling back on the taxpayer through the Sheriff's office.
- 26a.** Chairman Rowley requested that Rogers have a service officer visit the schools in the County to talk about various issues and offer assistance. Rogers will contact all school district officials.

26b. Crotts moved, upon the recommendation of the Coffey County Sheriff and approval of the County Attorney as to form to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Wireless Enhanced E-911 Grant Application, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.

27. The Board recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

28. The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

29. Paula German and Jim Stukey met with the Board to give a report on the inspection of the Music Box building. Considering the excessive costs for renovation, German and Stukey decided to pursue other alternatives. Economic Development Director Jon Hotaling was also in attendance. German suggested that the Theater Group participate in some fundraising activities and pursue any grants that may be available, possibly including assistance from the County. Currently, the Theater Group works with the school to have practices and productions while coordinating around the school's schedule. School events are priority over the Theater Group. German and Stukey will return at a later date to visit with the Board.

30. Rowley adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Not Required

1. Whitney B. Damron, P.A. - Legislative Update and News Articles of Interest
2. Kansas Department of Transportation - Agreement
3. Kansas Department of Transportation - bid
4. The Kiplinger Letter - September 23, 2005
5. The Kiplinger Tax Letter - Sept. 23, 2005
6. Gayle Powell - Grant breakdown
7. Kansas Sheriff Special Issue - Fall 2005
8. Work & Life - Vol. 15, Issue 5
9. Vitality - October 2005
10. Kansas Association of Counties - Voting Delegate for Annual Conference

Minutes, October 3, 2005

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk