

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, October 8, 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. WCNOC Representative Jeannene Ryan and Coffey County Republican Editor Mark Petterson were present for part of the meeting.

2. Sipe moved to approve the minutes of Monday, October 1, 2001, as written, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approve payment of annual dues for year 2002 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 the Administrative Coordinator, approve the addition of physical damage coverage for equipment rented by the County, at an annual cost of \$250.00.

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

4. The County Attorney reported on several legal issues.

5. Crotts moved, on the recommendation of the Neosho Township Board, to appoint Jean Schofield as Trustee of Neosho Township Board to fill the unexpired term of Dorothy Wehkamp, effective October 8, 2001, until their successor is elected or appointed, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

6. Coffey County Health Administrator Susan Mueller reported all Public Health Departments are in a heightened security regarding the threat of a bioterrorism attack. Mueller said everyone is encouraged to report anything unusual they might observe in regard to illness or not feeling well. Mueller said Public Health Departments are fighting for increased funding in this regard. Commissioner Merry suggested they encourage the legislature to fully fund demand transfers to counties.

7. Coffey County Sheriff Randy Rogers visited with the Board regarding renovation of the recreation area in the jail. Rogers said the current recreation area will be basically cut in half to add an additional 6-person holding cell to help alleviate overcrowding. Rogers said the jail is currently at full capacity including one inmate from Woodson County. Rogers also commented that he is recommending Coffey County Lake be opened back up to fishing but said it could be 30 to 60 days before that will happen. Rogers also presented a resignation letter from Terri Lawson, Dispatcher, effective October 18, 2001.

- 8.** Noxious Weed Director Todd Bemis met with the Board to further discuss the supply of chemicals for spraying noxious weeds. Bemis said he is getting low again on chemicals to treat Sericea Lespedeza but noted that it did frost on Saturday, October 6, 2001, which would curtail the treatment for this season. Bemis also presented a notice outlining a household hazardous waste pickup. Coffey County residents are asked to call them at 620-364-8409 prior to October 19, 2001 to set up an appointment.
- 9.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the weekly report for the week of October 1st to October 5th, 2001.
- 10.** Item No. 95-9; Hotaling attended the Coffey County Strategic Planning meeting at Coffey Health Systems. Hotaling discussed the Leadership Coffey County youth program and the upcoming Kansas Sampler Festival.
- 11.** Item No. 95-21; Hotaling attended the State, County, and WCNOC PIO/PIM meeting in Topeka. Hotaling discussed changes in EAS announcements. The county and state representatives will participate both days of the graded exercise November 14th and 15th.
- 12.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling gathered materials from the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce and local products for the Kansas Sampler Festival Saturday in Ottawa. Hotaling set up the booth on Friday afternoon and worked the Coffey County booth all day Saturday.
- 13.** Item No. 97-6; Hotaling completed and mailed out the agendas for the Coffey County Manufacturer's Association meeting to be held Wednesday, October 10, 2001.
- 14.** Item No. 98-6; Hotaling attended the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee meeting in Chanute.
- 15.** Item No. 98-10; Hotaling attended the SEK, Inc. Executive Committee and Trustees meeting in Chanute. Hotaling attended the work session on future changes to the organization.
- 16.** The Board recessed to have photos taken for I.D. badges.
- 17.** Hub Caspar, County Engineer, presented the weekly report dated October 8th, 2001. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, Quentin Yoho and Galen Yoho, Yoho and Sons Tire Cutting Service, were also present. John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, was present for a portion of this period.
- 18.** Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: No Road Permits were issued during the past week.

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

20. Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Information on select solid waste and baled tires. **Galen and Quentin Yoho met with the Board to discuss an agreement with Coffey County to deliver tire bales to the Coffey County landfill. Yoho and Sons Tire Cutting Service will bring approximately 60 bales of tires per month at \$10.00 per bale to the Coffey County Landfill. Coffey County will have Yoho bale about 12 bales of tires per month at \$50.00 per bale. The County Attorney will draft an agreement for next weeks meeting.**

21. **Caspar also reported the Semiannual KDOT meeting will be tomorrow (10-9-01) at Chanute. Commissioners Sipe and Merry will be attending.**

22. Sipe moved to approve the Solid Waste Agreement with American Disposal Services, dated October 8, 2001, for the disposal of solid waste generated by Madison, Kansas residents in the Coffey County Landfill at a rate of \$23.00 a ton and authorize and direct the Chairman to sign same, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried, 4-yes, 1-no, Sleezer.

23. Commissioner Merry presented the Board with highlights of the 2002 Legislative platform video conference uplink this past Thursday.

24. The County Clerk reported the reseeded of the courthouse lawn is in progress.

25. Commissioners Sleezer, Rowley and Crotts will be attending KAC training on Friday here in Burlington at the library.

26. Sleezer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m., seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Required

1. Rock Creek Realty & Insurance, Inc. – Letter regarding physical damage coverage for rented or leased equipment.

Response Not Required

2. City of Burlington – Minutes, September 19, 2001

3. NACo – Source Water Information Kit for Local Government Officials

4. Coffey County Housing Authority – Quarterly Report

5. Gary Sherrer – Letter regarding Burlington High School Black Hawk Fly-In
6. The Pipeline Group – Notice regarding publication
7. Whitney Damron – Newspaper Articles – regarding e911 technology rules; and The Kansas City Star article titled “Terrorism’s Long Reach”.

Minutes, October 8, 2001

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk