

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, October 22, 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. Becky Reeves, Coffey County Republican and Jeannene Ryan, WCNOC Representative were also present for part of the meeting.

2. Rowley moved to approve the minutes of Monday, October 15, 2001, as amended, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried. Corrections were: October 15, 2001, paragraph 11, add "state" before 'grant'. Paragraph 11a, add "state" before 'grant'.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Move to reappoint Gene L. Merry as the Board of County Commissioners' representative for an additional 2-year term on the Fiber Optic Control Board, effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2003.

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

4. Crotts moved, upon the recommendation of the Economic Development Director, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the release of lien in the name of Dream Homes for a 1976 flatbed trailer, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried. The lien on the trailer has been paid in full.

5. Sipe moved to approve the revised Form CP-4, the Coffey County Position and Wage Classification Chart. The revision is the inclusion of the position of Landfill Operator, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

6. Sleezer moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the revised Table of Organization for the Highway Department. The revision is the addition of the position of Landfill Operator, at a classification of M-III-a-f, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

7. Crotts moved, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the new job description for Landfill Operator, seconded by Merry. Motion carried.

8. Rowley moved to approve a cereal malt beverage license for S&S Oil & Propane Co., Inc., dba S&S Lebo Plaza, located at Hwy 131 & I-35, Lebo, KS, and to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign same, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

9. Coffey County Sheriff Randy Rogers met with the Board to discuss departmental issues such as wages, disparity within the system, employee turnover, constant training cycle, etc. Rogers asked the Board to revamp the wage scale of the entire Sheriff's

Department. Rogers also presented written information to the Board. Following discussion, the Board said they will need time to look at the information presented and will then contact him. Some of the Board indicated they would not be willing to look at the entire Sheriff's Department, but are willing to look into the Dispatcher's wages. Also present were John Liddell, Jerry Headley, James Hughes, Eric Smith, Tom Johnson, Ron Petersen, Riley Morgan, Marilyn Vorhees, Cheryl Bartlett, Donna Salava, Jenifer Knight, Jim Hugunin and Lisa Moore.

10. Harley Schlotterbeck of Hutinett, Schlotterbeck, and Burns, met with the Board for the annual exit conference and to present the audit engagement letter for approval.

10 a. Sleezer moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the audit engagement letter for the audit of financial statements for Coffey County for the year ending December 31, 2001, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

11. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented the weekly report for the week of October 15th to October 19th, 2001.

12. Item No. 95-4; Hotaling reviewed AMPRO building rent and equipment lease payments and verified balances due for the Coffey County Attorney. Hotaling provided the County Attorney with a copy of the 1995 Amended and Restated Lease Agreement.

13. Item No. 95-21; Hotaling reviewed the new materials for the PIO E-plan position manual and sent confirmation of the receipt of materials back to WCNO. Hotaling attended Coffey County EOC training that included EAL overview, exercise objectives, new evaluation criteria, dosimetry, etc.

14. Item No. 95-25; Hotaling attended ArtTrain Advisory Committee meeting at the LeRoy Library. The committee discussed many aspects of this major exhibit including logistics, volunteer support, tie-in with area schools, publicity and promotion, etc. Hotaling will be assisting with promotion and advertising. The next meeting will be in LeRoy on November 13, 2001.

15. Item No. 97-7; Hotaling attended "Shop Coffey County First" promotion organizational meeting with representatives of the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce. Hotaling reviewed the proposals received from the local print and radio media. The promotion will begin the middle of November. Hotaling inspected and photographed a new tourism sign at the Coffey County Airport at 20th Road and Hwy 75.

16. Item No. 98-10; Hotaling collected Coffey County promotional materials for SEK, Inc. golf tournament fundraiser. Hotaling collected team information and ordered plaques for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams.

17. Crotts moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. for 5 minutes to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the Economic

Development Director to discuss matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

18. The Board resumed regular session at 10:55 a.m.

19. Sleezer moved to authorize and direct the County Attorney to file a petition and related documents with District Court regarding American Metal Products, Inc. and its breach of contracts regarding leased real property and equipment, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

20. Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, presented his weekly report dated October 22, 2001. Robert Reed, Road and Bridge Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.

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

22. Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week. Received Preliminary Plat for a Subdivision.

23. Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Letter has been sent to KDHE requesting an extension for the old landfill. **KDHE has granted a second 2-week extension.** Caspar and the Board discussed final cover for vertical expansion.

24. The Board authorized the County Engineer to advertise for a Landfill Operator.

25. The Board discussed a letter from Herbert and Betty Jo Hood requesting a right-of-way closing on a portion of 3rd Lane and 3rd Road between Oxen Road and Planter Road. Reed will get more information regarding the actual locations.

26. The Board scheduled a road tour for Friday, November 16, 2001, at 8:00 a.m.

27. Reed said Coffey County should be using the new landfill by November 5th, 2001.

28. The Board invited the Sheriff back in to further discuss the departmental issues.

29. The County Attorney and the Sheriff discussed the delinquent tax sale, which is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. today, October 22, 2001.

30. Following discussion regarding wages, the Board directed the Administrative Coordinator to put the Sheriff Departments' salary issue on the Consent Agenda for next Monday specifically to move the Dispatcher's classification from LE-II to T/P-II, at the employee's current step, with a \$1.50 cap, effective November 1, 2001.

31. Sleezer moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m., seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Required

1. Herbert Hood – Letter requesting road vacation.

Response Not Required

2. Focal Point – Fourth Judicial District Newsletter
3. Fourth Judicial District Community Corrections – Minutes – October 9, 2001.
4. National Association of Local Boards of Health Newsletter.
5. University of Kansas – KUTC Newsletter – Spring 2001.
6. Johnnie & Retha Sleezer – Thank you.
7. City of Waverly – Minutes, September 10, 2001.
8. KDHE – Solid Waste Update, Newsletter, September 2001.
9. Whitney Damron – Newspaper article titled “Kansas Government may face tough cuts”.
10. City of Burlington – Minutes, October 3, 2001.

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Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk