

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, November 26, 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. Mark Petterson, Coffey County Republican, was also present for part of the meeting.

2. Sipe moved to approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 13, 2001, as written, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried, 4-yes, 1-abstained, Merry.

3. Sleezer moved to approve the minutes of Friday, November 16, 2001, as written, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign 16 Orders for Refund of Taxes in the amount of \$5,537.37.

No. 4507 in the amount of \$187.42 payable to Edde Kunkel c/o David Kunkel for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Clerical error.

No. 4508 in the amount of \$76.22 payable to Fred Kunkel for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Clerical error.

No. 4509 in the amount of \$66.58 payable to Edward E. Birk for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Take off personal property and put on oil rendition (3 service units).

No. 4510 in the amount of \$10.72 payable to White & Ellis Drilling for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Hoyt lease – no equipment – working interest only.

No. 4511 in the amount of \$312.04 payable to Woody's Construction c/o David Wood for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Traded trucks – pro-rated 1995 Dodge truck.

No. 4512 in the amount of \$25.00 payable to William Pike and Phyllis Giffin for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Took off 15% penalty per Doc#2001-7207-TG.

No. 4513 in the amount of \$17.60 payable to Ray E. Welte c/o Jeanne Dody for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Sent in signed sheet, lowered the penalty from 50% to 25% and lowered value on boat.

No. 4514 in the amount of \$228.94 payable to Hodges Ranch, Inc. for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Sold 1972 Chevy, 1969 Ford and 1976 International trucks at auction February 2001 – pro-rated – reduced penalty from 50% to 25%.

No. 4515 in the amount of \$152.70 payable to Hodges Ranch, Inc. for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Sold 1993 Dodge and 1996 Dodge trucks at auction February 2001 – pro-rated – lower penalty from 50% to 25%.

No. 4516 in the amount of \$3,331.10 payable to JEM Heating and Plumbing for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Took off 2001 FRHT truck and trailer, belongs to JEM LP Gas, also lowered penalty from 50% to 25%.

No. 4517 in the amount of \$23.08 payable to Justin I. Rolf for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Changed penalty from 50% to 25%.

No. 4518 in the amount of \$4.75 payable to Fred Miller for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Tagged vehicle 1971 Buick July 20, 2001- pro-rated 7 months.

No. 4519 in the amount of \$97.48 payable to Terry Jamison for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Changed value on 1970 slide-in camper. 50% penalty.

No. 4520 in the amount of \$133.54 payable to Gary Coon for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Change value on 2000 Tracker – Nitro boat, motor and trailer.

No. 4521 in the amount of \$863.04 payable to Burlington Veterinary Center for the tax year 2001.

Reason: 1988 Volvo, 1994 Volvo trucks and 1970 Wilson and 1990 Merritt trailers are state assessed.

No. 4522 – Void.

No. 4523 in the amount of \$7.16 payable to White & Ellis Drilling, Inc. for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Pieratt lease – no equipment.

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

- 5.** Jodie Mahoney and Debbie Noonan made a request to place a box in the Appraiser's office vault for donation of canned goods for ECKAN for the Christmas season. The Board felt it might be best to place the collection box in the courthouse lobby. Susan Mueller, Chairperson of Interagency Council, was also present for this discussion.
- 5 a.** Rowley moved to permit the collection of donated canned goods in the courthouse lobby for donation to ECKAN during the 2001 Christmas season.
- 6.** Elysa Lovelady, Coffey County Appraiser, met with the Board to request permission to solicit bids and purchase a Hewlett Packard 800 PS 42" plotter.
- 6 a.** Sleezer moved to solicit bids and purchase a Hewlett Packard 800 PS 42" plotter for the Appraiser's office, funds to come from the GIS Reserve Fund, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.
- 7.** The Board directed the Administrative Coordinator to prepare \$20.00 Chamber gift certificates for County employees and Appointive Board members again this year.
- 8.** The Board directed the Administrative Coordinator to advertise for a position opening (Commission District 2) on the Coffey County Fire District, No. 1 Board of Trustees, effective January 1, 2002.
- 9.** Coffey County will have a ribbon cutting for the dedication of the new Subtitle D Coffey County Landfill on December 7, 2001 at 1:00 p.m.
- 10.** The Board discussed a ballot for FSA committee elections and decided the Board would not vote. The Administrative Coordinator was directed to contact the FSA office.
- 11.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented and discussed his weekly report for the week of November 12<sup>th</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001.
- 12.** Item No. 95-3; Hotaling met with the prospect the bank is working with on the Country Critters liquidation. Hotaling discussed the lease and/or sale of the buildings.
- 13.** Item No. 95-3; Hotaling also showed the Bargain Center and Greenlight Auto buildings to a retail business prospect. Hotaling showed the prospect the Grand Magnolia building and the large space available at the Rock Creek Insurance and Real Estate building.
- 14.** Item No. 95-21; Hotaling served as the Coffey County PIO at the Information Clearinghouse in Topeka during the two day graded exercise. Hotaling also attended the FEMA & NRC review of the drill.
- 15.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling attended the Artrain Committee meeting in LeRoy. Hotaling reviewed the possible promotional materials.

- 16.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling finalized the ad for the 2002 Kansas Fishing Regulations booklet.
- 17.** Item No. 95-29; Hotaling sent out informational packets to USD 243, 244, and 245 counselors on the Leadership Coffey County Youth Program. LeRoy/Gridley district has identified its four students for the program. Burlington and Lebo/Waverly have yet to reach their targets of 8 and 4 students. Hotaling placed an ad in The Coffey County Republican to try and generate additional interest in the program for USD 243 and 244 juniors and seniors.
- 18.** Item No. 97-6; Hotaling completed plans for the Coffey County Manufacturer's Association Christmas dinner. Ronda McCullough designed invitations, which will be mailed out with the 2002 membership invoices.
- 19.** Item No. 97-7; Hotaling delivered Shop Coffey County registration materials to businesses in Waverly and Lebo. Hotaling inspected the tourism signs along I-35 east of Beto Junction and west of Lebo with a representative of Custom Neon Sign Company.
- 20.** Chairman Merry read a letter to the Board from Sid Meeker, Executive Director of Coffey County Chamber of Commerce. The letter complimented Jon Hotaling as a true team player and as an excellent representative of Coffey County.
- 21.** The County Attorney provided an update on various legal matters.
- 22.** The County Attorney reported the fence viewing documents are being finalized following the fence viewing on Wednesday, December 21, 2001. The fence viewing was requested by the Gilbert brothers.
- 23.** Chairman Merry briefly introduced the topic of murals for each community and the establishment of committees in each community.
- 24.** At 11:00 a.m. the Chairman called for a motion to enter into a public hearing.
- 24 a.** Crotts moved to enter into a public hearing regarding the declaration of Stringtown Cemetery Road as a Minimum Maintenance Road, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.
- 25.** There were approximately 20 people from the public (taxpayers) in attendance for the public hearing. The Chairman asked Undersheriff Kenny Roney to explain to the people how it came about to make the Stringtown Cemetery Road a Minimum Maintenance Road and to install the gate. Roney explained it was because of the proximity of the cemetery to the switchyard at Wolf Creek and due to the heightened security at the plant. It was requested by the Kansas National Guard and the Coffey County Sheriff's Department. The County Attorney then explained the legal definition of a Minimum Maintenance Road. The Chairman then asked for public comments. All 20

in attendance were opposed to the installation of the gate and the Minimum Maintenance requirement. Phyllis Bachman presented approximately 52 signatures of people opposing the proposed action. Following approximately 45 minutes of objections and discussion the Chairman called for a motion to close the hearing.

**25 a.** Sleezer moved to close this public hearing regarding the declaration of Stringtown Cemetery Road as a Minimum Maintenance Road, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

**25 b.** Crotts moved to cancel the adoption of a proposed resolution declaring Stringtown Cemetery Road as a minimum Maintenance Road, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

**25 c.** Sleezer moved to leave the gates at the Stingtown Cemetery Road open until further determination, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.

**25 d.** The Board will discuss the gate matter with the Kansas National Guard and Wolf Creek officials and will notify the Stringtown Cemetery Board before any changes to today's decisions occur.

**26.** Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, presented the weekly report dated November 26, 2001. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.

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

**28.** Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: No Zoning Permits were issued during the past week. Received application for a Special Use Permit.

**29.** Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Vertical Expansion permit expires December 1, 2001. Lateral Expansion Permit will be approved by December 1, 2001.

**30.** Item No. 2001-05; County Rock Specifications: The Board briefly discussed this matter and it was decided the committee will meet some time after the opening of the Subtitle D Landfill is accomplished.

**31.** Item No. 2001-07; Equipment Purchase: Bid opening at 2:00 p.m., December 5, 2001.

**32.** Item No. 2001-08; Artrain USA: Working with Jane Hatch on location criteria.

**33.** Sipe moved to adjourn at 12:27 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. Thursday, November 29, 2001, to sign warrants and vouchers and to attend to other County business that may arise, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Response Required

1. Dan Barnhart – Letter regarding sale of County-owned property

Response Optional

2. Metropolitan Area Planning Department – Notice of Seminar
3. State Surplus Property Center – November 2001 listing

Response Not Required

4. NACo Legislative Bulletin
5. City of Waverly – Minutes, October 8, 2001 and October 22, 2001
6. PMC, ProMap Corporation – Invitation to visit booth at KAC conference
7. Coffey County Housing Authority – Audit Report for year ended December 31, 2001
8. Whitney Damron – Newspaper articles
9. The Kiplinger Letter – November 9, 2001
10. The Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Inc. – Letter regarding new publication
11. City of New Strawn – Minutes of October 26, 2001

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Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk