

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, December 17, 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. Coffey County Republican Editor Mark Petterson and WCNOC Representative Jeannene Ryan were also present for part of the meeting.

2. Sipe moved to approve the minutes of Monday, December 10, 2001, as corrected, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried. Corrections were: December 10, 2001, paragraph 28, replace 'Strawn' with "Stringtown".

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Move to reappoint Jon Hotaling and Donna Bauer, each to a 2-year term to the Coffey County Tourism and Visitors Board. The new terms will expire on December 31, 2003.

B. Pursuant to the Services Agreement with Integrated Technology Consultants, Inc., dated October 10, 2001, and upon the recommendation of Commissioner Merry, the Commission representative of the Fiber Optic Control Board, approve the first of two payments in the amount of \$1,500.00 to Douglas VanderLinden, for services rendered for the period of July 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001, as Coffey CAN Project Coordinator, with funds to come from the Courthouse General Fund, Contractual Services Line.

C. Move to approve the Notice to Coffey County Employees and Elected Officials regarding designated pay periods for 2002.

D. Move to approve the Legal Holidays for Coffey County Employees during the calendar year 2002 and New Years Day 2003.

E. Move to approve 17 Orders for Refund of Taxes in the amount of \$282.67.

No. 4536 payable to Warren Yoho in the amount of \$4.39 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Tagged 1968 Chevy truck 6/2/2001.

No. 4537 payable to Michael S. Beard in the amount of \$7.32 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Sold 1968 International truck 2/15/01 – pro-rated.

No. 4538 payable to Jimmy D. Thweatt in the amount of \$24.00 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Took off 1988 GMC truck – It belongs to James D. Thweatt (son).

No. 4539 payable to Wilbur (Bill) Fouser in the amount of \$58.98 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Deleted 1969 Parkwood mobile home – added to Terry’s Auto Service.

No. 4540 payable to Wilbur (Bill) Fouser in the amount of \$52.42 for the tax year 2000.

Reason: Deleted 1969 Parkwood mobile home – added to Terry’s Auto Service.

No. 4541 payable to Dwight Kistner in the amount of \$28.58 for the tax year 1999.

Reason: Deleted 1969 mobile home used for truck business.

No. 4542 payable to Jay Atkin in the amount of \$6.00 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Software error in pro-rating truck (1960 International).

No. 4543 payable to Michael Dawson in the amount of \$14.00 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Software error in pro-rating truck (1998 Chevy truck).

No. 4544 payable to Arnold Kraft in the amount of \$12.00 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Software error in pro-rating truck (1989 Ford truck).

No. 4545 payable to Wayde F. Thompson amount of \$6.00 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Software error in pro-rating truck (1969 International).

No. 4546 payable to Vernon K. Sergeant in the amount of \$6.00 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Software error in pro-rating truck (1994 Chevy truck).

No. 4547 payable to Verlin Conkle in the amount of \$14.00 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Software error in pro-rating truck (1989 Chevy truck).

No. 4548 payable to Mark James in the amount of \$14.00 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Software error in pro-rating truck (1981 Chevy truck).

No. 4549 payable to Chris Thompsen in the amount of \$6.00 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Software error in pro-rating truck (1980 Dodge).

No. 4550 payable to Duane F. Young in the amount of \$8.00 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Software error in pro-rating truck (1981 Ford truck).

No. 4551 payable to Kevin Harsch in the amount of \$5.00 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: software error in pro-rating truck (1954 Chevy truck).

No. 4552 payable to Marvin L. Standley in the amount of \$15.98 for the tax year 2001.

Reason: Sold 1991 Ford, 4/2001, pro-rated.

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

4. Coffey County Sheriff Randy Rogers reported that he is recommending that the Coffey County Lake remain closed until March 1, 2002. Rogers and the County Attorney are communicating with WCNOC and Wildlife and Parks about the lake closure and issues relating to the Memorandum of Understanding.

5. Rogers also recommended that the gates at Stringtown Cemetery remain locked open indefinitely. The gates have been locked open since the public hearing on November 26, 2001.

6. Crotts moved, upon the recommendation of the Fire District Administrator, to reappoint Bill Otto to a 3-year term to the Fire District No. 1 Board of Trustees, effective January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2004, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried, 4-yes, 1-no, Merry.

7. Bill Walker, Coffey County Fire District No. 1 Coordinator, visited with the Board about various Fire District issues.

8. Chairman Gene Merry presented 5 – 10 – and 15-year length of Service Certificates and pins to the following Coffey County Employees:

5-years: Sylvia Bauer
Terry Emmons
Michael Mast
Danny Wonser

10 years: Jon Hotaling
Ronda McCullough
Bruce Hess
Doug Young

15 years: Anita Kirchner

Vernon Birk
Becky Jewett
Gwen Birk
Robin Laird
Robert Brewer
Danny Frye
Leland Kraft
Charles Meier
Fred Walrod

Rosemary Rich (5-years), Kenton Bailey (15-years) and Richard Lehman (20-years) were unable to be present.

9. Merry moved, upon the approval of the County as to form, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Addendum to Employment Agreement for Steve L. Lightle as Executive Director of the Coffey County Housing Authority, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

10. Sharon Geiss, Mid-America Nutrition Program, Inc., Executive Director, presented a year-end report and updated the Board on the 2001 Meals on Wheels program.

11. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented posters to promote the Artrain Exhibition that will be in LeRoy March 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2002 and the Smithsonian Institute exhibition, “Yesterday’s Tomorrows” coming to the Coffey County Museum, June 21 through August 2, 2002.

12. Hotaling also presented the weekly report for the week of December 10th to December 14, 2001.

13. Item No. 95-3; Hotaling talked to several prospects interested in one of the Country Critters’ buildings. Hotaling is showing the Greenlight building to a prospect today. Hotaling spoke with Craig Meader about the bank’s continued use of the three main buildings for storage of inventory. If legal proceedings can be completed, the bank is confident that they have a prospect who would rent the buildings. The bank would pay utilities for the three buildings they are using at this time.

14. Item No. 95-29; Hotaling received eight applications for the Leadership Coffey County Youth Program. Hotaling expected several more applications today.

15. Item No. 97-6; Hotaling attended the Coffey County Manufacturer’s Association annual Christmas banquet. Members enjoyed a delicious meal at the Coffey County Hospital. January’s meeting will be hosted by Andrew Corp.

16. Item No. 97-8; Hotaling attended Rock Creek Woodworks auction in Lebo. Hotaling stayed for the sale of the equipment. Hotaling worked on the payoff balances

and faxed the property statements for 2000 and 2001 to Larry Hendricks. Hotaling will testify on balances due at Federal Court in Kansas City, Kansas on Tuesday, December 18th, 2001.

17. Item No. 01-3; Hotaling attended several meetings on the Artrain Exhibition coming to LeRoy in March. As marketing and promotions manager, Hotaling is currently working on several promotional pieces. Hotaling will finalize and fax proofs to Artrain for the final approval.

18. Hotaling attended the Department Head luncheon meeting. Hotaling reviewed some goals from 2001 and discussed actions to be completed in 2002.

19. The Board discussed several legal issues regarding the former Country Critters' buildings. The Board directed the County Attorney and Hotaling to start proceedings for the sale of the Critters' buildings.

20. Sleezer moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:48 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 Sipe. Motion carried.

20 a. The Board resumed regular session at 10:53 a.m.

21. The Board discussed a proposed resolution regarding expenditure of public funds for economic development in Coffey County. The County Attorney will revise the resolution and present it to the Board on December 31st.

22. Hub Caspar, Coffey County Engineer, presented the weekly report dated December 17, 2001. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, and John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, were also present.

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

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

25. The Board also discussed various landfill issues and the year 2002 construction projects program which was presented by Caspar.

25 a. Sipe moved to approve the 2002 construction project plan as presented with the Bridge Priority listing and a 3-5 year road plan to follow, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried, 4-yes, 1-no, Sleezer.

26. Kenneth Combes, President, and Douglas Williams, Secretary, Osage County Rural Water District, No. 4, met with the Board to request support for a CDBG grant

application. Combes said their plans are to install a 75,000 gallon elevated tower (\$410,000.00) and upgrade several water lines (\$340,000.00) for a total cost of \$750,000.00. Steve Robb, grant writer from Pittsburg State University, was also present and explained the procedures for supporting the grant application, most of which would be used in Coffey County.

26 a. Sipe moved, upon the request and recommendation of Osage Rural Water District No. 4, to hold a public hearing on February 4, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. to consider sponsoring an application for a CDBG grant to expand the Osage RWD #4 system in Coffey County and to publish notice of same, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried. The majority of users are in Coffey County.

27. Crotts moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m., seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Required

1. Arnold Kraft – Letter regarding reappointment to Coffey County Hospital Board of Trustees.
2. John Hetzel – Letter regarding reappointment to Coffey County Hospital Board of Trustees.
3. Merlin Williams – Letter regarding reappointment to Coffey County Hospital Board of Trustees.

Response Not Required

4. Coffey County Fire District #1 – Minutes, December 17, 2001.
5. Coffey County Airport – Minutes, November 12, 2001.
6. Whitney Damron – Newspaper article.
7. City of Burlington – Minutes, November 28, 2001.
8. Coffey County Housing Authority – Minutes of September 6, October 4 and October 23, 2001.

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Sign:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk