

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 27, 2000, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Tim Sipe, Bill Knapp and Perry Powell present. Commissioner Sleezer was unable to attend due to another commitment. Also present were County Clerk Vernon Birk, Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer, and County Attorney Doug Witteman. WCNOC Representative Tom Moreau and the Coffey County Republican Editor Mark Peterson were present for part of the meeting. 3rd District Commissioner-Elect Fred Rowley Jr. and 2nd District Commissioner-Elect Larry Crotts were present for the morning session.

2. Cindy Makar, Rural Burlington, was introduced to the Board. Mrs. Makar had expressed an interest earlier this month to serve on the Coffey County Fire District #1 Board of Directors. She stopped in to meet the Commissioners.

3. Knapp moved to approve the minutes of Monday, December 18, 2000 as corrected. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried. Corrections were; Monday December 18, 2000, add paragraph "30a, Commissioner Knapp requested a time line on the landfill construction schedule."

4. Appraiser Elysa Lovelady met with the Board to explain a property tax issue with TCI/Primestar. The years at issue are the 1998 and 1999 property for the TCI/Primestar equipment. Lovelady said the case is currently in litigation and it involves thirty (30) counties.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Upon the recommendation of Commissioner Merry, the Commission representative of the Fiber Optic Control Board, and approval of the County Attorney as to form, move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Services Agreement with Douglas VanderLinden, of Integrated Technology Consultants, Inc., for the period of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.
- B. Upon the recommendation of Commissioner Merry, the Commission representative of the Fiber Optic Control Board, approve payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Douglas VanderLinden, of Integrated Technology Consultants, Inc., for services rendered for the period of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, with funds to come from the Courthouse General Fund, Contractual Services Line.
- C. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Krayton Cox, S.T. Temp Laborer for the Solid Waste Department. His classification remains M-I-a(-) and his wages remain \$6.18/hour. This notice extends the time frame to May 31, 2001.
- D. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign ten (10) Orders of Refund of Taxes in the amount of \$6,109.50.

No. 4435 payable to New Strawn C.I.O., Inc. in the amount of \$2,681.44 for the year 2000.

Reason: Clerical error.

No. 4436 payable to Dennis Birk in the amount of \$151.58 for the year 2000.

Reason: Take out of taxing unit 006 and put in tax unit 300.

No. 4437 payable to A. James and Ann Hess in the amount of \$37.58 for the year 1999.

Reason: Exempted 1980 JW stock trailer, 1997 Titan Trailer – Doc#2000-9261-TX.

No. 4438 payable to A. James and Ann Hess in the amount of \$27.70 for the year 1999.

Reason: Exempted 1989 Honda ATV – Doc#2000-9261-TX.

No. 4439 payable to Warren Bell in the amount of \$8.22 for the year 1999.

Reason: Exempted 1981 Blair stock trailer – Doc#2000-9278-TX.

No. 4440 payable to Warren Bell in the amount of \$8.35 for the year 2000.

Reason: Exempted 1981 Blair stock trailer – Doc#2000-9278-TX.

No. 4441 payable to A. James and Ann Hess in the amount of \$97.16 for the year 2000.

Reason: Exempted 1989 Honda ATV, 1980 JW trailer, 1997 Titan trailer, Doc#2000-9261-TX.

No. 4442 payable to Rollins Leasing Corp. in the amount of \$2,913.88 for the year 2000.

Reason: 4 large trucks state assessed – received state assessed papers on December 18, 2000.

No. 4443 payable to Dustin A. Slead in the amount of \$66.31 for the year 2000.

Reason: Sold Dodge Ram to Slead Farms.

No. 4444 payable to Textron Financial Corp. in the amount of \$117.28 for the year 2000.

Reason: Store check system in owned by Beto, Inc. and is listed on their sheet.

5a. Sipe moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried.

6. Powell moved to adopt Resolution 512c, A RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FIRE DISTRICT NO.1, COUNTY OF COFFEY,

STATE OF KANSAS, AND PLACING THE SUPERVISION OF SAID FIRE DISTRICT THEREUNDER, PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 19-3612a. Seconded by Knapp. Motion carried.

7. Sharon Geiss, Mid America Nutrition, Charles Huff, Chairman, and Don Brinkman, Treasurer, Coffey County Council on Aging, discussed financial issues of the Area Agency on Aging with the Board. Ms. Geiss said the Mid-America Nutrition Program, headquartered in Ottawa, is having financial difficulties stemming from a building purchase several years. She said they are doing some special projects to generate more income, but to catch up some back payments on the building they are requesting each county in the five (5) county area for \$2,500.00 from the year 2000 budget. She also said that Mid America Nutrition needs to have half their funds coming from Coffey County to not be specific as to their particular use.

7a. Mr. Brinkman said the Coffey Council on Aging is in need of another used mini van. Brinkman requested \$10,000.00 for Coffey County Council on Aging, which would include Mid-America Nutrition's request. The Board said they would like to wait for a full Board to decide, but requested that Brinkman make recommendations to the Council on Aging Board to fund Mid-America Nutrition and get a written report on the van's impact on future budgets.

7b. It was further requested by the Coffey County Board that all three issues be routed through the Council on Aging Board.

8. Deborah Kennamore, Coffey County Historical Society Museum Director, updated the Board on several items. Kennamore asked the Board to reinstate a portion of the Museums capital expenditures budget for 2001. Also discussed were pending grants, exchange of information with Courthouse and Library through a wireless bridge network, and additional parking space. Kennamore said the reason for additional capital expenditures budget is for the preservation of artifacts. They are finding certain paper/print artifacts that have not been properly cared for in the past, and they need to be preserved to National Museum Standards and which will cause some additional expense. The Board requested additional information including all reserve accounts and would like to meet with Kennamore, Kent Hoyt, Treasurer, and Historical Society Board members, if possible, on January 16, 2001.

9. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented and explained the weekly report for the week of December 18 to December 22, 2000.

10. Item No. 95-3; With operations ceasing at Country Critters, Hotaling spent time discussing possibilities with the present owner, a business prospect ready to go into the building, the bank, Larry Hendricks and Doug Witteman. Hotaling had the utilities for the building switched over to the county to protect from freezing up pipes. Greeley Gas was going to shut off gas service on December 21st. Hotaling did an inspection of all the buildings with a representative of First National Bank of Kansas and a local plumbing contractor. Pipes and toilet facilities in the far east building, "The Green Light building",

are already frozen up. The temperature in the former “Goodies building” was near freezing. On the advice of the plumber, Hotaling had the city turn off the water to all buildings. Hotaling left heat in the main building set at 55 degrees.

11. Item No. 95-4; Hotaling discussed operations, market conditions, and gas pricing with Jim Hopper of AMPRO. The gas supplier cannot guarantee enough gas will be available to operate the plant’s furnaces due to extremely cold temperatures and high gas demand.

12. Item No. 97-6; Hotaling met with Chuck Trimble to discuss programs for upcoming CCMA meetings and how to get better participation in the meetings and programs. Hotaling has invited USD Superintendents and Coffey County Academy of Learning Director to attend January 10, 2001, meeting to discuss apprenticeship program possibilities. If CCMA is to bring in professionals in education, engineering, training, etc., for programs and meetings, we need to have better participation from the CCMA membership. Need to better publicize meetings, programs, and member benefits to increase participation. Hotaling mailed letters to members requesting participation in the important apprenticeship program meeting on January 10.

13. Hotaling spoke with Jill Warren of the Music Box about the county season passes for 2001. The county purchased four (4) season passes for forty (40) shows at \$8 per person per show last year in March. The cost per show remains at \$8 per person in 2001, but there will be fifty (50) shows in 2001. The county employees have used the tickets for every show but one (1) or two (2). Employees have often brought in friends from out of town to see the show. This helps promote the show throughout the area and increase tourism traffic on Saturday evenings. Employee demand for the tickets has been strong and the tickets are often reserved two (2) to three (3) weeks in advance. Hotaling would recommend that we continue to support this tourism attraction and provide an entertainment opportunity that has been greatly appreciated by the employees.

14. Hotaling organized files for 2001 and stored old files in the basement vault.

15. Hotaling received enterprise zone annual report forms from SEKRPC. Hotaling will complete and mail to SEKRPC for filing with the Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing prior to February 1, 2001.

16. Sipe moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. for ten (10) minutes to include each of the Commissioners present, Jon Hotaling and the County Attorney to discuss matters which would be considered privileged in the attorney/client relationship. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried.

16a. The Board resumed regular session at 11:02 a.m.

17. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, presented the weekly report dated December 27, 2000. John Zuern, Administrative Assistant, was also present. Hub Caspar, County Engineer, was on vacation.

18. Item No. 93-01; Road Permit Report: No Road Permits were issues 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: Schedule for Construction –

March & April 2001 Construct Non-Critical Areas

1. Access Road
2. Drainage Channels
3. Temporary Berms
4. Sidewall Seep Drain
5. Sub-grade grading

April & May 2001 Construct Critical Areas Only (after review and approval by KDHE)

1. Compacted Soil Liner
2. Non-woven Geotextile Liner
3. Placement of Filter Rock
4. Leachate collection and storage.

Approval of the critical areas is expected from KDHE in April 2001 or sooner.

21. Item No. 2000-15; Courthouse Lighting –Project No. 2000-Court: All Fixtures are on [site] except for Courtroom. Contractor is progressing nicely; However, Zuern said there is still a lot to do!

22. Reed also discussed the Road & Bridge budget. Reed said they are within 1% of their 2000 budget.

23. Merry moved, upon the recommendation of Commissioner Merry (Commission District #1), to appoint Cindy Makar (resident of Commission District #5) to the Coffey County Fire District #1 Board of Trustees, for a 3-year term, beginning January 1, 2001 and ending December 31, 2003. Seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

24. Powell moved to reappoint Gary Haas to a 3-year appointment, beginning January 1, 2001 and ending December 31, 2003; and move to reappoint Bill Otto to a 1-year appointment, beginning January 1, 2001 and ending December 31, 2001; and move to reappointment Owen Thero to a 2-year appointment, beginning January 1, 2001 and ending December 31, 2002; and move to reappoint Lyle Williams to a 2-year appointment, beginning January 1, 2001 and ending December 31, 2002. Seconded by Merry. Motion carried.

24a. This is in conformance with Resolution 512c, which was adopted earlier today.

25. Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 561-G, A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE COFFEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FUND. Seconded by Knapp. Motion carried.

26. Merry moved to adopt Resolution No. 688, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RESERVE FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE COF BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT. Seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

27. The Board recessed at 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

28. Chairman Merry called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

29. County Clerk Vernon Birk did not attend the afternoon session due to another appointment.

30. Christina Thweatt, Budgetary Accounting Specialist, attended the remainder of the meeting in place of Birk.

31. The Board signed warrants and vouchers for the month of December.

32. Sipe moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m. Seconded by Knapp. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Response Required

1. Mid-America Nutrition Program, Inc. – Letter regarding assistance in bringing building payments current.
2. The Austin Peters Group – Letter regarding requests for training.
3. KDOCH – Letter regarding designation as a non-metropolitan business region.
4. Neill, Terrell & Embree, L.C. – Notice regarding 2000 Payment under Protest (Taxpayer: PRIMESTAR)

Response Optional

KDOCH – Notice of CDBG Workshop.

Response Not Required

5. KUTC Newsletter – Summer 2000.

6. Coffey County Airport – Minutes – December 6, 2000.
7. Recycling in Kansas – Newsletter – January 2001.
8. U.S. Dept of the Interior – Fish & Wildlife Service - Letter regarding summary of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge.
9. City of Burlington – Minutes – December 6, 2000.
10. Nadine Lowman – Thank you.
11. Kansas Preservation – Newsletter – Nov/Dec.,2000
12. U.S. Dept. of the Interior – Fish & Wildlife Service – Calendar.
13. AIA Kansas – 2000-2001 Handbook & Client Guide.
14. Kansas Leadership Forum – Newsletter – December 2000.

Minutes, December 27, 2000

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk