

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Chairman Jesse Knight called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members, Don Meats, Tom Hugunin, Steve McCurry and Wayde Thomsen present. Also present were Coffey County Clerk Angie Kirchner and County Counselor Wade Bowie, II. Economic Development Director Bobby Skipper, 11<sup>th</sup> Lane Roastery owner Derek Bucheit, Hometown Pie Company Wanda Chaffin, Burlington Mayor Stan Luke, Health Department Administrator Carl Lee, Treasurer Richard Croll, Governmental Assistance Services (GAS) Representatives Garrett Nordstrom and Mark McAnarney, Kutak Rock, LLP Representatives Tyler Ellsworth and Joe Serrano (by phone), Raymond James Representative Greg Vahrenberg, Fisher Patterson Sayler and Smith, LLP Representatives Charles Branson and Sam Green, Technology Office Director Brad Scheibmeir, Interim Road and Bridge Supervisor Jeff Beyer, Assistant Road and Bridge Supervisor and Right of Way Coordinator Ryan Durst, Engineer Technician Kenny Roney, II, Sheriff Tom Johnson (by phone) and Coffey County Republican Editor Mark Petterson.
2. Meats moved to approve the minutes of Monday, January 9, 2023, as written, seconded by Hugunin. Motion carried.
3. Hugunin moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign (5) five tax abatements in the amount of \$3,894.78, seconded by Knight. Motion carried.
4. McCurry moved to approve Resolution No. 779-K; A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LAKE REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN, seconded by Meats. Motion carried.
5. Hugunin moved to approve Charter Resolution No. 05; A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 12-1758, 12-1759, 12-1760, 12-1761, AND 12-1767B. ALL AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION AND POWERS OF A PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT, seconded by McCurry. Motion carried.
6. Knight moved to recess into executive session for 30 minutes at 10:06 a.m., to include each of the Commissioners, County Counselor Wade Bowie, II, Economic Development Director Bobby Skipper, Fisher, Patterson Sayler and Smith, LLP Representatives Charles Branson, Sam Green, Kutak and Rock, LLP Representatives Tyler Ellsworth, Joe Serrano (by phone), to discuss matters deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship contract negotiations and ongoing contract discussions, under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. (75-4319)(b)(2)). To resume in the Commission Chambers at 10:36 a.m., seconded by Meats. Motion carried.
7. The Board resumed regular session at 10:36 a.m.
8. The Board resumed regular session at 10:36 a.m. Hugunin moved to recess into executive session for 30 minutes at 10:43 a.m., to include each of the Commissioners, County Counselor Wade Bowie, II, Economic Development Director Bobby Skipper, Fisher, Patterson Sayler and Smith, LLP Representatives Charles Branson, Sam Green, Kutak Rock, LLP Representatives Tyler Ellsworth, Joe Serrano (by phone), to discuss matters deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship contract negotiations and ongoing contract discussions, under the

Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. (75-4319)(b)(2)). To resume in the Commission Chambers at 11:13 a.m., seconded by Thomsen. Motion carried.

9. The Board resumed regular session at 11:13 a.m.
10. Knight moved, based upon the recommendation of the Interim Road and Bridge Superintendent, to approve the request for authorization to advertise and hire one (1) full-time Construction Tradesperson for Special Bridge Crew. No new position is being added. This request will only fill a current vacant position within the department due to voluntary retirement, seconded by McCurry. Motion carried.
11. Meats moved, based upon the recommendation of the Interim Road and Bridge Superintendent, to approve the payment for Road Right-of-Way as follows: Tame and Native Grass -- \$3,200/acre; Upland Cultivated -- \$5,500/acre; and Bottom Land Cultivated -- \$6,000/acre. These rates to be effective January 17, 2023, seconded by Thomsen. Motion carried.
12. Knight recessed the meeting at 12:08 p.m.
13. Knight called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.
14. Hugunin moved to recess into executive session for 15 minutes at 1:49 p.m., to include each of the Commissioners, County Counselor Wade Bowie, II, and Assistant Road and Bridge Supervisor and Right of Way Coordinator Ryan Durst, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, regarding job performance, under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. (75-4319)(b)(1)). To resume in the Commission Chambers at 2:04 p.m., seconded by Knight. Motion carried.
15. The Board resumed regular session at 2:04 p.m.
16. Hugunin moved to approve a percentage based COLA increase for a cost-of-living increase for the year 2023, seconded by McCurry. Motion carried.
17. Hugunin moved to approve a 6% cost of living increase for all employees for the year 2023, (excluding the Commissioners), seconded by Thomsen. Motion carried.
18. Knight moved to recess into executive session for 20 minutes at 2:43 p.m., to include each of the Commissioners, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, regarding job performance, under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. (75-4319)(b)(1)). To resume in the Commission Chambers at 3:03 p.m., seconded by Hugunin. Motion carried.
19. The Board resumed regular session at 3:03 p.m.
20. Knight moved to appoint Sheriff Tom Johnson (or his designee) to the #2 position to administer the County Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Program, seconded by Thomsen. Motion carried.

21. Knight moved to recess into executive session for 20 minutes at 3:42 p.m., to include each of the Commissioners and County Counselor Wade Bowie, II, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, regarding employee performance and job evaluation, under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. (75-4319)(b)(1)). To resume in the Commission Chambers at 4:02 p.m., seconded by Hugunin. Motion carried.
22. The board resumed regular session at 4:02 p.m.
23. Knight moved to increase Economic Development Director Bobby Skipper's pay to \$78,000 effective January 1, 2023 (with no additional pay in April), seconded by Hugunin. Motion carried.
24. Hugunin moved, upon the recommendation of the Economic Development Director, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the revised Table of Organization for the Economic Development Department, seconded by Thomsen. Motion carried.
25. Hugunin moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Ronda Truelove, Economic Development Department, Office Coordinator, Pay Grade: from 25-22 to 35-17, wage: from \$22.78 to \$23.68, effective 1/1/23 (with no step in April), seconded by Knight. Motion carried.
26. Hugunin moved to recess into executive session for 2 minutes at 4:17 p.m., to include each of the Commissioners and County Counselor Wade Bowie, II, attorney client potential county litigation, regarding employee performance and job evaluation, under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. (75-4319)(b)(1)). To resume in the Commission Chambers at 4:19 p.m., seconded by McCurry. Motion carried.
27. The board resumed regular session at 4:19 p.m.
28. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, following the meeting.
29. Knight adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

## **Correspondence**

## **Minutes, January 17, 2023**

**Signed:**

**Attest:**

**Chairman**

**County Clerk**