

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 24, 2022. Chairman Knight called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Don Meats, Tom Hugunin and Tim Johnson present. Coffey County Clerk Angie Kirchner, County Counselor Wade Bowie, II and Administrative Assistant Andrea Berryman were also present. Power House Ministries Representatives Melissa Landis and Gayle Taylor-Ford, KWIKOM Representatives Eric Vogel and John Terry, MT Networks Representatives Rob McDonald, Diantha Stutesman and Shana Raines, Information Technology Director Brad Scheibmeir, Economic Development Director Bobby Skipper, Engineer Wayne Blackburn and Emergency Management Director Carl Lee were also present. Bob Saueressig was absent.
2. Johnson moved to approve the minutes dated Tuesday, January 18th, 2022, seconded by Meats. Motion carried.
3. Knight moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign three (3) tax abatement in the amount of \$451.24, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
4. Johnson moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to approve Consultant-Client Agreement with BG Consultants, Inc. for engineer design services of Bridge replacement for County Bridges 127&128 on Homestead Rd. from 2.5 to 3.25 Road as per agreement, and direct the County Engineer to sign all related contract documents, seconded by Meats. Motion carried.
5. Knight moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, to approve the County Engineer's request to advertise for and hire one (1) Part-Time Office Support Associate at position 20. No new position is being added. This request will only fill a vacant position due to transfer within the County, not to exceed 1,000 hours, seconded by Hugunin. Motion carried.
6. Knight moved to donate \$15,000 to the Empower House Ministries. Funds to come from the Special Alcohol Program Fund, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
7. County Treasurer Richard Croll updated the Board on the Tax Sale.
8. Meats moved to recess into executive session for 15 minutes at 11:31 a.m., to include each of the Commissioners, County Counselor Wade Bowie, II, to discuss matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, regarding potential County litigation, under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. (75-4319)(b)(2)). To resume in the Commission Chambers at 11:46 a.m., seconded by Hugunin. Motion carried.
9. The Board resumed regular session at 11:46 a.m.
10. The Board opened bids and read them aloud from the following:

KWIKOM – wireless internet network for the County \$484,961.32 and providing the necessary speed approved to receive ARPA Funds

KWIKOM – 10 gigabit compatible fiber-optic access point outside the city limits of Lebo, LeRoy, Gridley and Waverly of Fiber to the Home in the amount of \$1,719,775, which does not qualify to meet the guidelines for receiving ARPA Funds.

MT Networks – proposed to recover \$550,000 required from installing to begin servicing these communities.

11. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of February 2022 on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
12. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of March 2022 on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, following the meeting.
13. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of April 2022 on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
14. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of May 2022 on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
15. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of June 2022 on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, following the meeting.
16. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of July 2022 on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
17. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of August 2022 on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, following the meeting.
18. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of September 2022 on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
19. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of October 2022 on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
20. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of November 2022 on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, following the meeting.
21. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of December 2022 on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, following the meeting.
22. Knight recessed the meeting at 12:33 p.m., until Wednesday, January 26, 2022, to question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of January 2022, and to address any other County business that may arise.

**Correspondence**

**Minutes, January 24 2022**

**Signed:**

**Attest:**

**Chairman**

**County Clerk**