

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 17, 2023. Chairman Jesse Knight called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Don Meats, Steve McCurry and Wayde Thomsen present. Also present were County Clerk Angie Kirchner and County Counselor Wade Bowie, II. Lebo City Mayor Eric Ferguson, Jared, Gilmore and Phillips Auditors Phil Jarred and Emily Franks, Road and Bridge Superintendent Ryan Durst, Register of Deeds Gwen Birk and Coffey County Republican Editor Mark Petterson were also present. Hugunin was absent.
2. Meats moved to approve the minutes of Monday, July 10, 2023, as written, seconded by Thomsen. Motion carried 3-yes, 0-no, 1-abstention, McCurry.
3. McCurry moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Appraiser, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the revised Organizational Chart for the Appraiser's office, seconded by Thomsen.
4. Knight moved to waive landfill fees for the City of Lebo for the old fire station located at 112 W. 3rd St., Lebo, Kansas, seconded by McCurry. Motion carried.
5. Meats moved to approve the 2022 Audit as presented by Jared, Gilmore & Phillips, PA, seconded by McCurry. Motion carried.
6. Meats moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Audit Engagement Letter with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA, to perform audit services for Coffey County, Kansas, year ended December 31, 2023, seconded by Thomsen. Motion carried.
7. McCurry moved to authorize notifying the County Clerk of Rural Fire District #1 Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate with a proposed mill levy rate of 2.088. The date of the hearing is August 21st at 9:05 a.m. to be held in the Commission Chambers at 110 S. 6th St, Room 201, Burlington, Kansas, seconded by Thomsen. Motion carried.
8. Meats moved to authorize notifying the County Clerk of the County's Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate with a proposed mill levy rate of 58.819. The date of the hearing is August 21st at 9:15 a.m. to be held in the Commission Chambers at 110 S. 6th St, Room 201, Burlington, Kansas, seconded by Knight. Motion carried.
9. McCurry moved to approve the 2024 Rural Fire District #1 (at 9:05 a.m.) and Coffey County (at 9:15 a.m.) Budgets for publication and to set the Budget Hearings to begin at 9:05 a.m. for August 21st, 2023, seconded by Thomsen. Motion carried.
10. Knight moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Budget Engagement Letter with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA, to perform the 2025 budget preparation for Coffey County, Kansas, seconded by Thomsen. Motion carried.
11. Thomsen moved to approve the 2024 District Court Budget as submitted and authorize and direct the Chairman to sign same, seconded by Meats. Motion carried.

12. Knight moved to enter into Executive Session for 5 minutes at 11:16 a.m., to include each of the Commissioner, Register of Deeds and County Counselor Wade Bowie, II, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, regarding confidential nature of retirement, under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. (75-4319)(b)(1)). To resume in the Commission Chambers at 11:21 a.m., seconded by McCurry. Motion carried.
13. The Board resumed regular session at 11:21 a.m.
14. Knight moved to enter into Executive Session for 15 minutes at 11:33 a.m., to include each of the Commissioners and County Counselor Wade Bowie, II, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, regarding discussion of employee performance, under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. (75-4319)(b)(1)). To resume in the Commission Chambers at 11:48 a.m., seconded by Thomsen. Motion carried.
15. The Board resumed regular session at 11:48 a.m.
16. Meats moved to authorize the Chairman to sign, with the approval as to form by the County Attorney, the "Agreement to Assign Real Estate Option to Purchase" 71 acres located at US Highway 75 (FR N ½ of SW ¼ S11-T19-R15) and with the required prior written consent of the Seller (Jeffrey F. Bluma) and Buyer (County), to 70Five Development Group and as required within the "Option to Purchase Real Estate Agreement," effective August 16, 2022 with an option term of twelve (12) months for Buyer for an option price of \$615,000.00 from Seller, all subject to the reimbursement of the option payment made by Buyer of \$1,000 to exercise the original option to Seller and to be reimbursed by 70five Development Group, seconded by Thomsen. Motion carried.
17. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of June 2023 on Thursday, June 27th, at 9:00 a.m.
18. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of July 2023 on Wednesday, July 26th, at 9:00 a.m.
19. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of August 2023 on Monday, August 28th, at 9:00 a.m.
20. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of September 2023 on Wednesday, September 27th, at 9:00 a.m.
21. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of October 2023 on Monday, October 30th, at 9:00 a.m.
22. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of November 2023 on Wednesday, November 27th, at 9:00 a.m.
23. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of December 2023 on Thursday, December 28th, at 9:00 a.m.

24. Knight adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Correspondence

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk