

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, February 28, 2000, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Johnnie Sleezer, Tim Sipe, Bill Knapp, and Perry Powell present. County Clerk Vernon Birk and County Attorney Doug Witteman were also present. Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer was absent. Jeannene Ryan, WCNO Representative, was also present for part of the meeting.

2. Sleezer moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2000 as corrected, seconded by Powell. Motion carried, 4-yes, 1-abstained, Knapp. Corrections were: February 22, 2000, paragraph 8, delete 'reported plans are in place to start'. Replace with "requested the County Attorney's continued input about". Paragraph 9, delete 'reported having input from a constituent'. Replace with "had questions".

**3. CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Move to approve the contribution of \$500.00 to the Burlington After-Prom Committee with funds to come from the Special Parks and Recreation Fund.

B. Upon the recommendation of the County Attorney, approve the contribution of \$250.00 to the LeRoy After-Prom Committee with funds to come from the County Attorney Diversion Fund.

C. Upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to approve the revised job description for the Landfill Clerk. (The revision was an adjustment to the years experience required).

D. Upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to approve the revised Table of Organization of the Highway Department, which reflects the Landfill Clerk position.

E. Upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to approve the Coffey County Payroll Notice for Kerri Wonsler, with a change in classification reflecting a promotion from CIb to CIIa and an hourly wage change from \$6.53 to \$7.56.

F. Approve the letter to be sent to each of the cities regarding a request for approved city council minutes.

G. Approve the following members of the Technology Committee and Web Page Advisory Board as voting members of the Committee and Board: Gene L. Merry, John Liddell, Bill Bauer, Sharon Schurle, Elysa Lovelady, Mark Hopkins, Susan Mueller, Becky Jewett, Hub Caspar and John Zuern.

H. Authorize and direct the Chairman to sign 16 Orders for Refund of Taxes in the amount of \$570.00.

No. 4305 in the amount of \$7.32 payable to Waverly, KS Youth for the year 1998.  
Reason: Exempt for 24 days.

No. 4306 in the amount of \$102.41 payable to Waverly, KS Youth for the year 1999.  
Reason: Exempt for full year.

No. 4307 in the amount of \$12.71 payable to City of Burlington for the year 1999.  
Reason: Exempt one-half year.

No. 4308 in the amount of \$71.48 payable to David & GERALYN Krause for the year 1999.  
Reason: Exempted 1998 Titan Stock Trailer, Doc #1999-6215-TX.

No. 4309 in the amount of \$6.60 payable to David & Pam Noonan for the year 1999.  
Reason: Exempted 1983 Honda 4-wheeler, Doc #1999-9998-TX.

No. 4310 in the amount of \$10.07 payable to David Kunkel for the year 1999.  
Reason: Exempted 1978 WW Stock Trailer, Doc #1999-7542-TX.

No. 4311 in the amount of \$51.17 payable to Harlan Davies for the year 1999.  
Reason: Exempted 1982 Hill Trailer and 1997 Flatbed Trailer, Doc #1999-7552-TX.

No. 4312 in the amount of \$9.98 payable to H. Fred & Barbara Freerksen for the year 1999.  
Reason: Exempted 1971 Homemade Stock Trailer - 1969 P.K. Bed Trailer and 1971 P.K. Bed Trailer, Doc #1999-6200-TX.

No. 4313 in the amount of \$18.43 payable to Gary Stohs for the year 1999.  
Reason: Exempted 1979 Blair Stock Trailer, Doc #1999-6283-TX.

No. 4314 in the amount of \$3.51 payable to John E. Salava for the year 1999.  
Reason: Exempted 1978 J.W. Stock Trailer, Doc #1999-6256-TX.

No. 4315 in the amount of \$6.36 payable to Constance D. Jones for the year 1999.  
Reason: Exempted 1973 J.W. Stock Trailer, Doc #1999-7533-TX.

No. 4316 in the amount of \$5.07 payable to Donald & Mary Oliver for the year 1999.  
Reason: Exempted 1991 P.J. flatbed trailer, Doc #1999-6255-TX.

No. 4317 in the amount of \$14.83 payable to Amos Huskey for the year 1998.  
Reason: Take off 1951 Crosley - sold prior to 1998.

No. 4318 in the amount of \$9.98 payable to Roger Douglass for the year 1999.  
Reason: Exempted 1982 Honda, Doc #1999-8543-TX.

**3 a.** Sipe moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Knapp. Motion carried.

**4.** Sipe moved, upon the recommendation of the Technology Committee, that the bid of Falcon Technologies for a multimedia projector be approved as being the best bid, that award be made to Falcon Technologies, and that a Proxima DP9250 + 1900 Lumens, a carry case, a DA-Lite Insta-Theatre Portable Screen and a Da-Lite carry case, be purchased at a cost of \$6,880.00, with funds to come from the Equipment Reserve Fund, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

**5.** Polly Epting, Coffey County Land & Title, met with the Board to discuss KSA 58-2005, pertaining to County reviewing plats of surveys. Presently the County hires a contract surveyor to review each subdivision plat. HB 2750, a new bill, has passed the House and is now before the Senate to repeal KSA 58-2005. Epting sees a lot of problems with the current law and supports the repeal of it.

**6.** Susan Mueller, County Health Director, met with the Board to discuss the temporary employee position recently advertised. This item will be on the Consent Agenda next week.

**7.** Vickie Ulrich, Coffey County Housing Authority Chairperson, introduced Randall Whitsitt, new Executive Director of the Coffey County Housing Authority. Ms. Ulrich presented the employment agreement to the Board for approval. Mr. Whitsitt visited with the Board about his background in housing and what he plans to do here in Coffey County regarding housing. He will start his Executive Directors position on March 1, 2000. Ms. Ulrich requested input from the Board concerning what they want the Housing Authority to work towards.

**7 a.** Following further discussion, Sleezer moved, upon the recommendation of the Coffey County Housing Authority Board of Directors and approval of the County Attorney as to form, to approve the Employment Agreement with Randall Whitsitt as Executive Director of the Coffey County Housing Authority and to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign same, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried.

**8.** John Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented the weekly report for the week of

February 21st to February 25th, 2000.

- 9.** Item No. 95-9; Hotaling finalized and mailed out Strategic Planning agendas for the March 1st meeting at the Coffey County Hospital. The Committee will adopt the Strategic Plan for 2000.
- 10.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling confirmed the Lebo Lake opening date with KTMJ Fox 6 TV. They will send Rick Dykstra, who produces a 30 minute fishing show, "Goin Fishin", to the opening day event to film a program. Hotaling will send an informational brochure on Lebo Lake to Rick.
- 11.** Item No. 95-29; Hotaling finalized the agenda and program for the Leadership Coffey County Class V to be held March 9th. Toni Boyles, of the Creative Training Institute, will present the course on "Leadership Theory & Techniques". Toni will also make a presentation to the Burlington Rotary Club and the Coffey County Chamber of Commerce at the Rock Creek Country Club at 11:30, on March 9th.
- 12.** Item No. 97-6; Hotaling finalized and mailed out Coffey County Manufacturers' Association agendas for the March 8, 2000 meeting. This meeting will be preceded by a tour of Countertop Trends, L.L.C. in Gridley with a luncheon meeting following at the Gridley Cafe.
- 13.** Item No. 98-6; Hotaling attended the SEKRPC Executive Committee meeting in Chanute. SEKRPC will be starting on Certified Economic Development Strategy in April and SEKRPC is starting to review the lease agreement with SEK, Inc. for renewal.
- 14.** Item No. 99-3; Hotaling received information on building inspection requirements imposed on Andrew Corporation by the State of Washington. The County Engineer reviewed the requirements and Hotaling will forward them on to the County Attorney to see if there is anything the County can do to assist Andrew in meeting these inspection requirements.
- 15.** Hotaling prepared a list of short term and long term goals to review at the Department Head meeting held on Friday.
- 16.** The Board is considering purchasing 4 season tickets from The Music Box for use in County promotions.
- 16 a.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented an option for distribution of tickets for "The Music Box" which was briefly discussed at an earlier meeting. Some choices presented were: Corporate Visitors; Boy Scouts; Girl Scouts; 4-H; COF; Big Brothers-Big Sisters; and County employees. Hotaling will get more information pertaining to the distribution.
- 17.** Chairman Merry requested an Executive Session.
- 17 a.** Sipe moved to recess into Executive Session at 10:54 a.m. for 5 minutes to include each of the Commissioners and the County Attorney to discuss matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney/client relationship, seconded by Knapp. Motion carried.
- 18.** The Board resumed regular session at 10:59 a.m.
- 19.** Knapp moved to enter into a public hearing at 11:05 a.m. to hear comments or objections to vacating certain portions of Reaper Road, seconded by Powell. Motion carried.
- 20.** Several area residents were in attendance and five people spoke in opposition to vacating this portion of Reaper Road. Elmer Gleue, Betty Winn, Raymond Klaus (speaking for the Baldwin farm), Kenneth Winn (on behalf of himself and Charles Nickel), all opposed to the vacation. Those in attendance indicated that they would like the County to improve the right-of-way and that the road would be used by area residents if it was upgraded. Leslie Flake, who identified himself as a non-resident

landowner, said he initially wanted the road vacated to build new fence, however, if it was to cause his neighbors problems, he would withdraw his request. No one present spoke in favor of the vacation.

**20 a.** There being no further public comments, Sipe moved to close the public hearing at 11:18 a.m., seconded by Powell. Motion carried.

**21.** Knapp moved to not approve Resolution 618 p, A RESOLUTION VACATING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF REAPER ROAD FROM 5TH LANE THENCE NORTH APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

**22.** Powell moved to enter into a public hearing at 11:21 a.m. to hear comments or objections to vacating certain portions of Oxen Lane, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

**23.** Approximately 14 persons attended the hearing. Bill Freeman, Marilyn Rohr, Joe Rohr, Gene Rohr, John Wright, Gary Meats, John Williams, Dallas Saueressig, Wesley Williams Jr., John Evans, Dallas Williams, and Bill Williams were some of those in attendance and most were opposed to vacating the road. Marilyn Rohr presented a petition with approximately 113 signatures to keep that portion of Oxen Lane open and maintained by the County. Some of the comments made were: lots of people use that road; many use it as a scenic drive; one of two places in the County where the road follows the curve of the river; if in danger of washing out, it should be moved and maintained; it is on a mail route; people live on the road, etc. Gene Rohr stated that they (the Rohrs) would provide the land it would take to move the road, at no cost to the County, if portions of the road were moved, repaired, and maintained. The fact the County had built a new road approximately ½ mile to the east of the subject road in anticipation of the proposed vacation was discussed. The Commissioners noted that if a decision is made to not vacate the road, the right-of-way must be kept free of all hay bales, machinery, trucks, etc. No one of the public present spoke in favor of the vacation, but did emphasize the need for the residents of that location to treat the road as an open public facility.

**23 a.** The Chairman asked for further comments and hearing none, Sleezer moved to close the public hearings at 11:55 a.m., seconded by Powell. Motion carried.

**24.** Hub Caspar, County Engineer, and Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, were present for the hearing. The County Engineer was directed to prepare and make recommendations regarding feasibility and cost estimates for future development of both road segments.

**25.** Sleezer moved to not approve Resolution 618 q, A RESOLUTION VACATING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF OXEN LANE FROM 8TH ROAD THENCE NORTH APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF MILE, seconded by Powell. Motion carried.

**26.** Hub Caspar, County Engineer, presented the weekly report dated February 28, 2000. Robert Reed, Road Supervisor, was also present.

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

**28.** Item No. 99-13; Landfill: Burlington has suggested April 10-15 for Spring 2000 Clean-up week.

**29.** Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: One Zoning Permit was issued during the past week.

**30.** Item No. 2000-05; Light Equipment Operator; Request authorization to hire Dean Haney to fill vacant position on the sign & culvert crew created by a resignation. Classification MIId, wage 8.97/hr.

**30 a.** Sipe moved to hire Dean Haney to fill the vacant position on the sign & culvert crew at a

classification of MIId, an hourly wage of \$8.72 and authorize and direct the Chairman to sign same, seconded by Knapp. Motion carried.

31. Knapp moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for J. Lyle Evans, upon completion of IPP, with a wage increase from \$10.05 to \$10.30, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

32. The Board recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

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

34. The Board examined, questioned and signed warrants and vouchers for the month of February.

35. Powell moved, upon the recommendation of Glenn Dale Miller, Lebo, to appoint Ed Fisher, Lebo, as clerk of Lincoln Township Board effective April 1, 2000, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

36. Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, reported Andrew Corporation is requesting a Governmental Inspection required by the Department of Labor and Industries, State of Washington, to inspect buildings sold in the State of Washington by Andrew. The County Attorney will get more information.

37. Becky Jewett, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, presented an explanation of some areas of the 2000 budget request for the Boards consideration. Jewett's request included a proposal for amending the organizational chart for the Emergency Preparedness Department. The Board will take it under consideration.

38. Marilyn Rohr met with the Board to inquire if a license is needed to open a bait shop. The Board referred her to the zoning administrator.

39. Elysa Lovelady, County Appraiser, gave the Board an update on the program to upload soils from the GIS to CAMA. The CLT program on the CAMA end did not work and this may delay the mailing of CVN's past the March 30, 2000 extension the County has already received. After discussion, general consensus was to ask for another extension of the March 30 deadline and wait two weeks to see if the State can fixed the program in a timely manner before proceeding with manual upload. Elysa will send a letter to PVD asking for an additional two weeks extension of the March 30 mailing date.

40. Knapp moved to approve Resolution No. 595 i, A RESOLUTION COMMENCING PROCEEDINGS TO DECLARE A CERTAIN PORTION OF 5TH ROAD LYING BETWEEN ANGUS ROAD AND BLACKBIRD ROAD AS A MINIMUM MAINTENANCE ROAD AND GIVING NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

41. Sipe moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m., seconded by Knapp. Motion carried.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. City of Lebo - Letter regarding 1999 county recreation grand funds.
2. Southeast Kansas, Inc. - Membership Kit
3. KPERS - Memorandum regarding Nominations for the KPERS Advisory Council
4. Kansas Department of Transportation - Letter regarding construction engineering without Federal funds.
5. LeRoy-Gridley Unified School District No. 245 - Letter regarding sponsorship of After Prom
6. Kansas Department of Agriculture - Letter regarding Senate Bill 572: Revising and Updating the Kansas Noxious Weed Law

7. Preliminary Draft of The Kansas Water Plan - Fiscal Year 2002, March 2000.
8. Thank you card from Mary and Jim Bloomer
9. City of Burlington - Letter regarding 1999 Cultural and Recreational Grant Funds
10. Kansas Department of Health and Environment - Letter regarding inspections of Coffey County municipal solid waste landfill and waste tire monofill and open burn exemption.

Minutes, February 28, 2000

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk