

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 14, 2004, to individually review correspondence. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with members Tim Sipe, Fred Rowley, Jr., Larry Crotts and R. Kraig Kirchner present. Also present was County Clerk Vernon Birk, Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer and County Attorney Doug Witteman. Present for part of the meeting was Mark Petterson, Coffey County Republican Editor.
2. Rowley moved to approve the minutes of June 7, 2004 as corrected, seconded by Sipe. Motion carried. Corrections were; Monday June 7, 2004, paragraph 12, in second sentence delete 'the', replace with "Caspar", add "an" after 'attached', add "that" after 'waste'. Paragraph 24, add "appropriation" after 'County' in the last sentence. Correspondence, Response Required, delete "vacant".
3. **Consent Agenda:**
  - A. Move to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Coffey County Payroll Notice for CSA compensation for the month of June, 2004, for John Zuern as Zoning Administrator.
  - B. Move to authorize the Chairman to sign 2 abatements to the Treasurer's tax roll in the amount of \$124.90.
  - C. Move to approve insertion of the Blue Cross Blue Shield flyer regarding privacy practices in the June payroll envelope.
- 4a. Sipe moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
5. Austin Hill, Life Rank member of Boy Scouts Troop No. 147, Burlington, presented and discussed a drawing of a proposed gazebo to be constructed in the park area east of the Courthouse, east of 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
6. Merry moved to approve the purchase of materials for the construction of a 16' gazebo in an amount not to exceed \$1,600.00 from Burlington Building Materials and to direct the County Engineer to obtain necessary building permits and to have County forces place a concrete slab for the gazebo on County property east of the Courthouse. Labor to construct the gazebo is to be supplied by Boy Scout Troop No. 147 and funds to come from General Funds, Community Improvement line item, seconded by Crotts. Motion carried.
7. Hub Caspar, County Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly report dated June 14, 2004
8. Item No. 93-01; Road Permits Report: One Road Permit was issued during past week.
9. Item No. 99-99; Zoning Permit/Applications Report: One Zoning Permit was issued during the past week.

**10.** Item No. 2004-13; Yoho Flooding Problem: **Caspar said, in talking to the Department of Wildlife and Parks and the Department of Water Resources (DWR), they indicated it is illegal to discharge a pond spillway into a road ditch and it was not recommended to clean the ditch on Reaper Road. Commissioner Crotts will visit with Steve Yoho about the flooding problem and possible options.**

**11.** Item No. 2004-14; Corps Of Engineers: Emergency stream bank protection. **Caspar said the Corps of Engineers is looking for projects along the Neosho River bank that are eroding. The Corps is preparing to submit projects for grant funds to stop the bank erosion. Coffey County has several areas that need attention. Caspar will send the Corps of Engineers the information.**

**12.** Item No. 2004-15; Lake Region Authority 2005 Budget.

**12a.** Rowley moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the proposed 2005 budget for Lake Region Solid Waste Authority, seconded by Kirchner. Motion carried.

**12b.** Coffey County's assessment for 2005 is \$4,766.00, which is an increase of \$147.50 from 2004.

**13.** Caspar also presented the Construction Report for the week of June 14, 2004.

**14.** The Board approved Chairman Merry to attend a fly-in to Washington D. C. for a 2 day NACo meeting with Senator Brownback and other NACo members regarding "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" for counties. Coffey County receives these funds due to John Redmond Reservoir. NACo will provide airfare and lodging.

**15.** Bradley Elder, CIC, Elliot Insurance Group, presented a summary comparison of expenses for years 2004 and 2005. Mr. Elder updated the Board on improvements during the year saying that Coffey County's loss experience has improved, possibly due to our wellness and safety programs.

**16.** Sipe moved upon approval of the County Attorney as to form, to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Fee Agreement with Elliot Insurance Group, Inc., seconded by Merry. Motion carried.

**17.** The County Attorney reported regarding the Coffey County Landfill accepting large dead animals that what the Board approved last week was sufficient for the time being. Witteman said it would be advisable to incorporate this information the next time the Board adopts a new fee schedule.

**18.** Commissioner Rowley reported receiving a call from Bill Walker, Coffey County Fire Department No. 1 Administrator, regarding State Homeland Security Program funding. Rowley said Coffey County will be receiving \$152,201.58 in 2004. The Board discussed writing a letter to the Homeland Security Partners Board, in conjunction and cooperation with Coffey County LEPC, to determine issues factored into the equation for ranking and distribution of grant funds

- 19.** Jon Hotaling, Economic Development Director, presented and discussed the weekly report for the week of June 7, 2004.
- 20.** Item No. 95-21; Hotaling attended Wolf Creek media day. Presented an overview of county responsibilities in case of an event at the plant. Hotaling also attended the presentation on plant security.
- 21.** Item No. 95-25; Hotaling attended groundbreaking ceremonies for the new gazebo at the Coffey County Museum. The Hoover family was the major contributor and turned the symbolic groundbreaking.
- 22.** Item No. 97-6; Hotaling attended the Coffey County Manufacturer's Association (CCMA) meeting at the Coffey County Hospital. New officers elected for 2004-2005 were Jeannene Ryan, WCNOC – Chairperson; Ed Splechter, Atmos Energy – Vice Chairperson; Chuck Trimble, New Eagle Communications – Treasurer; Jon Hotaling, Coffey County Economic Development – Secretary. The program was presented by Deborah Kennamore, Coffey County Historical Museum, and Sid Meeker, Coffey County Chamber of Commerce. They spoke about many events, attractions, and exhibits in Coffey County this summer. They also reviewed the positive economic impact of tourism to Coffey County.
- 23.** Item No. 02-3; Hotaling received additional information from a prospect for the Oldcastle building. They discussed electricity rate request with Dan Allen, City Clerk of Burlington. The prospect is also researching possible state and county incentives.
- 24.** Item No. 04-01; Hotaling attended final Artrain USA organizational committee meeting on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Hotaling said everything seemed to be in place. Hotaling said some additional signage will be needed and the banner in downtown LeRoy is yet to be erected. The train arrived in LeRoy on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Hotaling attended training for Artrain USA tour leaders on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Hotaling also attended Artrain USA reception and set up tourism booth in the business expo area on Friday evening. Hotaling attended the Yahola Memorial dedication on Sunday afternoon and will be a tour guide on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 25.** Hotaling spoke with Dan Coltrane with Shafer, Kline, & Warren, Inc., in Iola concerning cost estimate for a new water line from the new LeRoy line to Arnolds Greenhouse. Hotaling will get principals involved to meet after the grant is closed out on the LeRoy water project.
- 26.** Hotaling requested a 10 minute executive session.
- 27.** Merry moved to recess into executive session at 10:42 a.m. for 10 minutes, to include each of the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the Economic Director, to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of a corporation, seconded by Rowley. Motion carried.
- 28.** The Board resumed regular session at 10:52 a.m.

**29.** Dr. John Randolph, Director, John Mallory, Budget Specialist, and Kay Scott, President of Mental Health Center of East Central Kansas, presented a graph of different diagnostic conditions of the 289 clients seen in Coffey County. Randolph also discussed some of the changes and improvements in their organization the past year. Dr. Randolph presented a 2005 budget request in the amount of \$60,000.00, which is the same as last year. The Board will consider approval at a budget workshop

**30.** Dennis George, Coffey County Hospital Administrator, Kenneth Vaughn, Chairman, Merlin Williams and Steve Lightle, members, presented a revised 2005 budget request in the amount of \$750,000.00. Additional funds requested for capital items was \$50,000.00 for Emergency Medical Services and \$250,000.00 for the Hospital. Mr. George also included a list of capital items needed. The Board has ten days to act on the revised budget request.

**31.** The County Attorney requested a 10 minute executive session.

**32.** Sipe moved to recess into executive session at 11:49 a.m. for 10 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 Crofts. Motion carried.

**33.** The Board resumed regular session at 11:59 a.m.

**33.** Rowley moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m., seconded by Crofts. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **Response Not Required**

1. Hawver's Capital Report – Misc. dates
2. KAC – Legislative Summary
3. KAC – June 2004 Drought Summary
4. BCBS – Letter regarding privacy practice
5. KdoC – Newsletter, Summer 2004
6. Juvenile Justice Authority – Newsletter
7. Coffey County Museum – Notice of groundbreaking ceremony
8. City of Burlington – Minutes of May 19, 2004
9. Corps of Engineers – Public Notice

10. KDHE – Notice of Hearing

Minutes, June 14, 2004

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk