

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 1, 2021. Chairman Tom Hugunin called the meeting to order in the Courthouse Basement Meeting Rooms at 9:00 a.m. with members Don Meats, Jesse Knight, Tim Johnson and Bob Saueressig present. County Clerk Angie Kirchner, Information Technology Director Brad Scheibmeir, County Attorney Wade Bowie, II and Administrative Assistant Donna Berland were present. Housing Authority Director Ronda Gilbert, Hospital Administrator Jeremy Clingenpeel, Crosswinds CEO Amanda Cunningham, Sheriff Tom Johnson, Emergency Management Director Carl Lee, Wolf Creek Representative Matt Dekat, Engineer Wayne Blackbourn, American Transmission Representative Carl Huslig, Coordinator/Planner Amber Presley, GIS Coordinator Cara Mays, Zoning Administrator Heidi Harris, Interim Economic Development Director Ronda Truelove, and Coffey County Republican Editor Mark Petterson were also present.
2. Knight moved to approve the minutes of Monday, February 22, 2021, as written, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
3. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of Wednesday, February 24, 2021, as written, seconded by Knight. Motion carried.
4. Hugunin moved to waive landfill fees for a structure owned by Starley Hatch located at 311 Hudson, Burlington, Kansas, seconded by Meats. Motion carried.
5. Upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to approve the revised Highway Department Table of Organization as presented March 1, 2021. This action allows for 51 full-time employees and 1 part-time employees. This motion was tabled.
6. Upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to approve the request for authorization to advertise and hire one (1) part-time Payroll/Cost-Accounting Clerk (20 hours per week). No new position is being added. This request will only fill a current vacant position within the department due to position transfer. This motion was tabled.
7. Hugunin moved to authorize Interim Development Director Ronda Truelove to work with Civic Plus, seconded by Johnson. The motion was rescinded.
8. Meats moved to enter into executive session for 15 minutes at 11:30 a.m., to include each of the Commissioners and County Attorney Wade Bowie, II, for consultation with the county counselor to discuss pending county litigation, matters deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, regarding County litigation, under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. (75-4319)(b)(2)). To resume in the basement meeting rooms at 11:45 a.m., seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
9. The Board resumed regular session at 11:45 a.m.
10. Hugunin moved to enter into executive session for 10 minutes at 11:50 a.m., to include each of the Commissioners and County Attorney Wade Bowie, II, to provide legal advice regarding county policy for matters that if they were discussed in open session would be privileged, under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (K.S.A. (75-4319)(b)(2)) to protect the privacy rights for the employee or employer. To resume in the basement meeting rooms at 12:05 p.m., seconded by Knight. Motion carried.

11. The Board resumed regular session at 12:05 p.m.
12. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of March 2021, on Monday, March 29th, 2021, following the regular meeting.
13. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of April 2021, on Wednesday, April 28th, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
14. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of May 2021, on Tuesday, May 25th, 2021, following the regular meeting.
15. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of June 2021, on Monday, June 28th, 2021, following the regular meeting.
16. Hugunin adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Correspondence

1. Whitney Damron – Articles of Interest – February 26, 2021
2. Coffey County Airport – Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2021
3. The Kiplinger Letter – February 19, 2021
4. The Kiplinger Tax Letter – February 19, 2021
5. KAC – NACo Social Media Day to Support the American Rescue Plan – February 24, 2021
6. Whitney Damron – Kansas Legislative Report – February 26, 2021
7. KAC – Upcoming Webinars of Interest for Kansas Counties – March 1, 2021
8. KAC – Kansas County Happenings – February 26, 2021
9. Whitney Damron – Legislative Update – February 26, 2021
10. KAC – Legislative Update – February 26, 2021
11. KAC – Info request for Kansas County Employee Lives Lost Due to COVID-19 – February 23, 2021
12. KAC – Kansas Headline News for Kansas Counties – February 19, 2021
13. Coffey County Hospital – Board Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021

Minutes, March 1, 2021

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk