

1. The Coffey County Commission Chambers opened at 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 30, 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 Counselor Wade Bowie, II and Administrative Assistant Andrea Berryman were present. Citizens Jim and Jan Hinterweger, Engineer Wayne Blackbourn, Hospital Administrator Jeremy Clingenpeel, Treasurer Richard Croll, Health Department Administrator Lindsay Payer and Representative Kerri Hugunin, Sheriff Tom Johnson, Under Sheriff Eric Smith, Emergency Management Director Carl Lee, KBS Representative Steve Spade and Coffey County Republican Katie McMurray were also present.
2. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of Monday, August 23, 2021, as written, seconded by Knight. Motion carried.
3. Hugunin moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to designate October 11-16, 2021, as Fall Clean-Up Week and request the County Clerk to publish notice of same, seconded by Meats. Motion carried.
4. Based, upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to approve the revised Highway Department Table of Organization as presented August 30, 2021. This action allows for 51 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee. This motion was tabled.
5. Based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to approve the County Engineer's request to advertise for and hire one (1) Part-Time Office Support Associate. No new position is being added. This request will only fill vacant position due to transfer within the county. This motion was tabled.
6. Saueressig moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to approve the County Engineer's request to request for proposals (RFP's) for County 2022 Biennial Bridge Inspection and Analysis from BG Consultants, Inc; Cook Flatt and Strobel Engineer's, P.A.; and Schwab-Eaton, P.A., seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
7. Saueressig moved, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer, move to approve the County Engineer's to solicit request for proposals (RFP's) for Groundwater Monitoring Services (two events per year) and annual Leachate Monitoring, seconded by Knight. Motion carried.
8. Saueressig moved to enter into a Revenue Neutral Rate hearing at 10:30 a.m., for the purpose of hearing and answering any objections of taxpayers, relating to the County exceeding the revenue neutral rate in its property tax levy for the tax year 2022, seconded by Meats. Motion carried.
9. There were no members of the public present.
10. Saueressig moved to close the public hearing at 10:31 a.m., seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

11. Meats moved to approve Resolution No. 875; A RESOLUTION OF COFFEY COUNTY, KANSAS TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE IN ITS PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2022, by approving a mill levy of 52.308, seconded by Knight. Motion carried.
12. Knight moved to enter into a Revenue Neutral Rate hearing at 10:45 a.m., for the purpose of hearing and answering any objections of taxpayers, relating to the Coffey County Fire District #1 exceeding the revenue neutral rate in its property tax levy for the tax year 2022, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
13. There were no members of the public present.
14. Meats moved to close the public hearing at 10:46 a.m., seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
15. Meats moved to approve Resolution No. 876; A RESOLUTION OF COFFEY COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1 TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE IN ITS PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE TAX YEAR OF 2022, by approving a mill levy of 1.721, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
16. Knight moved to enter into a budget hearing at 10:49 a.m., for the purpose of hearing and answering any objections of taxpayers, relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of 2021 ad valorem tax., seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
17. There were no members of the public present.
18. Johnson moved to close the public hearing at 10:50 a.m., seconded by Meats. Motion carried.
19. Meats moved to approve the year 2022 Coffey County budget as published, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
20. Saueressig moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the contract with Ben Moore Studio, LLC, PO Box 1833 Manhattan, Kansas, at 5% of the bid amount, for designing the Coffey County Extension 4-H Building that will be located in Kelley Park, seconded by Knight. Motion carried.
21. Knight moved to place the proposed question on the November 2, 2021 City/School General Election, "Shall the duly registered voters of Coffey County, Kansas, approve expenditure of 20% of the estimated total cost, through reserve funds, with 80% to be paid through bond financing, with no additional tax increase, for the design, construction and furnishings of a freestanding 38,000 square ft, up to 80 bed, Corrections and Justice Center, including Sheriff's offices, Communications, Judicial, Court, Emergency Management, and Prosecutor offices. It is estimated that the overall costs to compete will be approximately \$25,000,000 and approximately 16-20 months to complete construction. Any future expansion beyond the initial 80 correctional beds will be subject to a vote by the registered voters of Coffey County, Kansas.", seconded by Saueressig. Motion carried.

22. The Board questioned and signed warrants and vouchers for the month of August 2021.
23. Johnson moved to enter into an Executive Session for 15 minutes at 1:33 p.m., to include to each of the Commissioners and County Counselor Wade Bowie, II, for consultation with the County Counselor, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel regarding disciplinary measures, under the Kansas Open Meetings Act Exception (K.S.A. (75-4319)(b)(2)). To resume in the basement meeting rooms at 1:48 p.m., seconded by Knight. Motion carried.
24. The Board resumed regular session at 1:48 p.m.
25. Knight moved to authorize and direct the Chairman to sign the Human Resources Consulting Agreement for Coffey County with HR Partners, LLC. for the HR Audit, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.
26. The courthouse will be closed Monday, September 6th, 2021, in observance of Labor Day Holiday.
27. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of September 2021, on Monday, September 27th, 2021, following the regular meeting.
28. The Board will question and sign warrants and vouchers for the month of October 2021, on Wednesday, October 27th, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.
29. Hugunin adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Minutes, August 30, 2021

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk