CITY OF COFFEYVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE	October 8, 2013	
RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NUMBER	n/a	
AGENDA TITLE	**Early Childhood Learning Center and Imagination Library**	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT	Administration	
PRESENTER	KERIN LUMM, CATHY SHALD, AND SUE RUDZIENSKY	
FISCAL INFORMATION	Cost as recommended:	NA
	Budget Line Item:	NA
	Balance Available	NA
	New Appropriation Required:	[ ] Yes [X] No
PURPOSE	Provides a forum for local educators to disseminate information regarding early childhood education programs that are available to help children in our community in their development.	

BACKGROUND	This year, the Dr. Jerry Hamm Early Childhood Learning Center opened its doors to children throughout the community, rather than being limited to a few select spots for children who were not "at risk." All four year-old children in the district can attend at no cost to the parents. The program helps to develop the children both academically and socially, making the transition to Kindergarten an easier one. There is strong evidence showing that young children who participate in high quality pre-K programs enter school more ready to learn than their peers and that quality instruction can have short term and long term impacts on children and their communities. Ms. Kerin Lumm, Assistant Principal, will present briefly of the program and facility. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a program that is new to Coffeyville. Their goal is to provide preschool children and their families the gift of a specially selected book each month. By mailing high quality, age-appropriate books directly to their homes, the program seeks excite children about books and to feel the magic that books can create. Additionally, this would ensure that every child would have books, regardless of their family's income.
SPECIAL NOTES	Allowing the presenters the opportunity to address the Commission provides them with an audience through our guests in attendance, those viewing on-line or on Channel 13, and newspaper coverage that they would otherwise not be able to reach. They are not asking for anything except for the opportunity to get the word out about programs that will help the children of the community.
ANALYSIS	N/A
PUBLIC INFORMATION PROCESS	N/A
BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	N/A
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	N/A
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED	N/A