

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
April 22, 2014
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
John R. Simon, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
Michael Lewis, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Simon moved to approve the April 15, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was approved with three “ayes” and two abstentions.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

MUSEUM: Eddie George and Charles Whitaker, Historical Society Board Members, discussed their findings of how surrounding County Museums pay their directors and what benefits are provided. The Historical Society will speak to their current director and report back to the Commission.

MIKE BUXTON: Mr. Buxton, Director of Rural Operations, discussed the following:

- 1) Working on widening the hill on the east side of the sand creek on Road 13. Commissioner Braddock will contact the land owner on both sides of the road and report back to Mr. Buxton.
- 2) Commissioner Schwerdfeger discussed concerns of the condition of Road B after milling it up. There will be additional work and material added to the Road. Commissioner Braddock directed the Road Department take the crusher to the Plunkett pit and use the material on Road B.
- 3) Mr. Buxton discussed the age and condition of the crusher. He would like to rent a newer one rather than put any additional money into repairs of the older one. It was decided at this time to use the old crusher.
- 4) Commissioner Braddock addressed concerns of the mowers going over large pieces of tin or debris and asked that mower operators move the debris so it will not damage the equipment.
- 5) Commissioner Simon discussed the serious drought conditions and how pulling ditches adds to the problem of blowing dirt.
- 6) Mr. Buxton was asked to have his staff operate the spray truck.

KENNY SMITH: Mr. Smith, EMS Director, presented a recap of the EMS 2013 charges. Hiring an additional full time EMS employee was discussed. Commissioner Lewis moved to add an additional full time EMS employee that would work up to 40 hours and to include full time benefits. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion. Commissioner Lewis moved to amend his original Motion and to authorize Mr. Smith to start the process to hire a full time EMS employee. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion to amend and it was unanimously approved. Chairman Puckett called for a vote on the amended Motion for Mr. Smith to pursue hiring a full time EMS employee. The Motion was unanimously approved.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. The tax sale was discussed. Attorney Gale presented a resolution to proceed with foreclosure proceedings and the sale of property with delinquent taxes. Commissioner Braddock moved to approve Resolution 2014-7 *A Resolution Authorizing Foreclosure Proceedings and the Sale of Real Property for Delinquent Taxes*. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Petition for Tax Foreclosure Procedure. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

AMERICAN LEGION STORAGE REQUEST: The County Clerk contacted KCAMP, the County's liability insurance company, regarding storing equipment for the American Legion at the Donohue Building. The County could be liable with storing the some of the equipment.

EMS EMPLOYEE: Commissioner Lewis presented a draft of job descriptions for EMS Employees. The job descriptions will be further discussed at the May 6, 2014 meeting.

LIBRARY RESOLUTION: After review and discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approved Charter Resolution 2014-1 *A Charter Resolution Repealing Charter Resolution 98-1 and Establishing a 4 Mill Tax Levy Limitation for the Hamilton County Library*. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT LEASE: Commissioner Simon moved to approve Valley State Bank Lease Purchase Agreement No. 70079 to purchase a 2004 Toro 3150 Greens mower and a used Toro Multi Pro 1250 Sprayer with an initial down payment of \$4,065.00 and four annual payments of \$4,477.00. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

VOTING PRECINCTS: Commissioner Braddock discussed the issue of voting privacy in the smaller precincts. The School Bond Election is a County Wide election and will not be divided by precincts. The County Clerk will contact the Secretary of State's Office on the matter.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$60,910.13. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger gave an update on the Lesser Prairie Chicken issue. Commissioner Lewis informed that the local environmental planning will not raise their assessments. Commissioner Lewis also informed he picked up the two antique clocks that were repaired. The May 6th School Bond Election ballots will need canvassed on the Monday following the election. It was decided to canvass the ballots at 8:30 a.m. on May 12, 2014.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Simon seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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