

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Jury Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
April 7, 2015
8:30 a.m.

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

Alan Hanson
Leslie Carlholm

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

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

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the March 24, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes with the correction of changing Road C to Road E on the second line under Public Concerns. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Discussed graveling the streets in Coolidge.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

GOLF COURSE: Tim Kohart and Don Miller, Tamarisk Golf Course Board Members, and Tom Simpson, Golf Course Manager, presented a quote from Freedom Pump Controls & Services, Inc. in the amount of \$26,996.98 to repair the main water supply pump and install a new Variable Frequency Drive at the Golf Course. The quote is subject to change depending if the existing panel is deep enough to fit the new Variable Frequency Device. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the quote from Freedom Pump Controls & Services, Inc. in the amount of \$26,996.98 to repair the main water supply pump and install a new Variable Frequency Drive at the Golf Course to be paid from the Capital Outlay Fund. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Noxious Weed Director, discussed filling the Solid Waste Committee position vacated by Mike Buxton. Also, presented a letter for signature and approval stating there are no changes to the County's Solid Waste Plan for 2015. Commissioner Simon moved to approve the 2015 Solid Waste Plan as presented. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Ms. Mitchell also presented an Excavation and Assurance Plan from Kirkham & Michael on Cells 7 and 11 at the Landfill for approval. The Commissioner asked Ms. Mitchell to contact Kirkham & Michael to request to a vertical increase of disposal capacity of more than 10%. Commissioner Lewis moved to discuss hiring a new Rural Operations Director at the April 13, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Jenny Schwieterman and Linda Leggette stopped by and explained the 2015-2016 Aflac Plan.

DOUG HOLTHAUS - PREMIER CATTLE: Mr. Holthaus, manager with Premier Cattle, discussed the possible future need for easements and right-of-ways of County owned property and roads for a new gas line.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Commissioner Simon will call this week to get bids for the Health Department and Museum windows. The County Clerk presented a quote in the amount of \$1,560.00 from Darrin Sibley Construction for a drop ceiling in the Jury Room.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. Road Y is done and can be removed from the list. Commissioner Schwerdfeger discussed concerns of the timing of pulling the ditches during the spring. She feels pulling the dirt from the ditches causes the farm ground to start to blow and the Roads are rough on farm equipment.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Braddock reported the crew is crushing rock with the crusher rented from Stanton County.

ADDITIONS & ABATEMENTS: After review, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve Additions & Abatements Nos. 140415 through 140421. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

RURAL TRASH REQUEST: Discussed rural trash requests from Sherry Pettyjohn, who lives on the Hamilton County/Kearny County line. Commissioner Puckett discussed the request with Craig Norton and he agreed with the request. Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the Rural Trash request from Sherry Pettyjohn at the out of county rate of \$50.00 per month. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

NRP SOFTWARE AGREEMENT: The County Clerk presented a NRP Software Agreement from Manatron, Inc. The cost of the software is \$2,000.00, with an annual maintenance of \$200.00. There will also be an additional one-time cost of \$300.00 for staff training. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the NRP Software agreement from Manatron, Inc. as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Simon left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$141,552.74. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the quarterly appropriations in the amount of \$158,179.50. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Lewis set up at meeting on May 9th at 12:00 noon with the Commissioners, Joe House from the Kansas EMS Board, and our EMS Department to discuss any concerns of rural area EMS. Commissioner Schwerdfeger discussed the conservation easements involved with the Lesser Prairie Chicken issue. Commissioner Lewis gave an update on a Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. meeting he attended. County Attorney Gale informed the Hospital Board will host a Kansas Open Meeting Act education meeting in May of 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Lewis moved for a 5-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:30 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:35 a.m.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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Commissioner