

Hamilton County Commissioner's Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
August 4, 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, County Attorney
Debra Lampe, Deputy County Clerk

Jess Schwieterman
Laryce Schwieterman
Jason Ochs
Ken Keller
other concerned citizens
Vicki Valentine
Alan Hansen

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

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

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Hamilton County Economic Development Director, informed the Commissioners about the USDA Rural Development Training that is available. She also spoke of the Community Facility Grant program and informed the Board of specific software available for writing grants. Ms. Carlholm informed the Board that her last day of employment is August 21, 2015. She thanked the board and shared that she enjoyed her time in Hamilton County.

JESS SCHWIETERMAN, JASON OCHS, KEN KELLER: Mr. Schwieterman, Mr. Ochs and Mr. Keller shared a power point presentation regarding Wheat Streak Mosaic in the area. They are seeking support to have volunteer wheat in Hamilton County killed 2 weeks before Sept 1, 2015.

5-YEAR PLAN: New pits at the Landfill were discussed. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to take bids on digging of two new pits at the Landfill with bids to be reviewed at the September 1, 2015 Commission meeting. Commissioner Braddock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Simon reported that the John Deere mower he looked at has too many problems and doesn't believe purchasing this mower should be pursued any longer. The Board will look into purchasing a mower in the spring of 2016.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Braddock reported the road crew is busy hauling dirt on the Coolidge Road, fixing washouts on different county roads and mowing. The culvert at Road 36 was discussed. As this particular culvert is on asphalt, Commissioner Braddock will visit with other counties as to how they handled this situation and report back to the board.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Hamilton County Pool Board member, informed the Commissioners that the new boiler is being installed at the swimming pool and it should be fully installed in a day or two. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved for a 5 minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, County Attorney Gale and Ms. Mitchell present. The executive session started at 10:00 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:05 a.m. Ms. Mitchell, Hamilton County Noxious Weed Director, asked if the Commissioners were interested in the County purchasing grasshopper bait. Commissioner Simon will visit with Skyland to see if Skyland is going to offer grasshopper bait for sale and report back to the Board. The need for having another tank for mixed chemicals was discussed. Ms. Mitchell also presented a proposal for the 3 monitoring wells that need to be in place prior to the two new landfill pits being used. Commissioner Simon moved to have GSI drill 3 monitoring wells at the Hamilton County Landfill at a cost of \$11304.00. Commissioner Braddock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FAIR BOARD RESIGNATION: Commissioner Lewis moved to accept Carol Roberts' resignation from the Hamilton County Fair Board. Commissioner Simon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WARRANTS: After discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to pay the warrants in the amount of \$89981.26. Commissioner Braddock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger reported that Rio Vista Dairy is building some housing at the dairy for its workers. The Commissioners request that Ms. Mitchell, zoning director, furnish them with a monthly report of new building permits.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Braddock seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner