

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

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
John R. Simon, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
Michael W. Lewis, Commissioner
Nikki L. 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 Lewis moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Simon moved to approve the November 17, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was approved with four "ayes" and one abstention.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

RICH LYNAM: Mr. Lynam, Road Department Foreman, gave his monthly report to the Commissioners:

- 1) The crew has been blading roads in between storms.
- 2) Commissioner Simon will contact the school's transportation director for a map of the school bus routes.
- 3) Commissioners informed Mr. Lynam that Road 31 east from Road U to Road Z was added to the Road Project List.
- 4) Discussed whether getting together with another County to have a road grader operating class would be beneficial to the crew.
- 5) Discussed concerns regarding the County's liability having graders out during blizzard conditions, especially when Highways have been closed.
- 6) Discussed the annual wage increase and COLA raises for 2016.

ALAN HANSON: Mr. Hanson, EMS Director, informed he has not heard back on the grants he applied for. There are also a couple more grants coming available that he will apply for to help pay for the mechanical lift cots. Mr. Hanson also informed he is working on contracts for oxygen supply.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. The Courthouse steps were added to the list.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed with Mr. Lynam.

ADDITIONS & ABATEMENTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Simon moved to approve Additions & Abatements Nos. 150004 through 150080. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

DONATION TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: After discussion, Commissioner Braddock moved to make a donation to the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$5,850.00. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Braddock informed Rick Dikeman is still willing to serve on the Hospital Board. Commissioner Simon stated the CEO and COO had previously informed they would like a Board Member with some accounting and financial background. Ron Munyan and Carol Roberts, Hospital Board Members, informed that the Hospital Board recommends Rick Dikeman be appointed and that the CEO and COO agreed with their recommendation. Commissioner Simon moved to follow the Hamilton County Hospital's recommendation and appoint Rick Dikeman to the Hospital Board for an unexpired term ending May 31, 2019. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was approved with three "ayes" and one "nay" and one abstention.

DISPLAY CASE FOR VETERANS: The County Clerk informed the current display cases at the Courthouse for list of Hamilton County Veterans is full and that she would like to order an additional display case. The County Clerk will get an estimate on the cost of a new case.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$79,322.04. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Kerstin Mitchell is resigning as the City of Syracuse Zoning Administrator but will still be the Zoning Administrator for the County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Simon moved for adjournment. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Commissioner