

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
December 15, 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

Ron Munyan
Carol Roberts

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 Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the December 8, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

HAMILTON CO HOSPITAL: Rob Nahmensen, Hamilton County Hospital CEO, and Rob Rawlings, Hamilton County Hospital COO, gave a financial update. Mr. Rawlings informed that the Hospital has a shortfall of approximately \$75,000.00 until they receive their first tax appropriation in 2016. The Commissioners discussed the need for a plan to start paying the outstanding accounts payable owed by the Hospital. Commissioner Simon moved to pay Hamilton County Hospital \$75,000.00 from the County Tax Fund for operating funds. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Nahmensen informed the Commissioners the Hospital has contacted Great Plain Health Alliance to discuss operations and billing management options.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

2016 EMPLOYEE RAISES: The County Clerk presented the 2016 Employee Raises to reflect a 2% increase for full time Employees and Elected Officials and raises for the Rural Operations Employees in accordance with the approved Rural Operations Employee pay scale. Commissioner Simon moved to approve the 2016 Employee Raises as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

2016 CALENDAR: The 2016 calendar was reviewed. Commissioner Simon moved to approve the 2016 calendar as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

POOL BOARD APPOINTMENT: The County Clerk received a letter of resignation from Mendi Battin, effective immediately. The Pool Board also submitted a letter recommending that Sarah Schwerdfeger be appointed to the pool Board. The Commissioners requested that the open position on the Pool Board be advertised. Also, the County Clerk presented a letter from Kerstin Mitchell stating she does not wish to be reappointed to the Board. After discussion, Commissioner Simon moved to appoint Brian Bloyd to the Hamilton County Pool Board for a four year term ending December, 2019. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

DISPLAY CASE FOR VETERAN'S NAMES: The County Clerk received a quote from SPC Office Products for a Quartet black 2-door 48" x 36" enclosed magnetic directory in the amount of \$696.00. The Commissioners asked the County Clerk to proceed with purchasing the new directory from SPC Office Products.

KANSAS WORKFORCE AGREEMENT: In order to be in compliance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the County needs to sign a renewed agreement. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the Local Workforce Development Area 1 Agreement as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Product Lease Agreement with Mail Finance for 63 monthly payments of \$355.00, which includes a new IN700 Digital Mailing System with Dynamic Weighing and 30 lb. Scale. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ADDITIONS & ABATEMENTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Simon moved to approve Additions & Abatements Nos. 150124 through 150126. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$20,929.91. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Discussed an issue with Syracuse Bucks. Also, the Commissioners discussed a mileage request to pick up office supplies. Pursuant to travel reimbursement policy on page 31 of the Hamilton County Policy book, the mileage request is denied. Also discussed the use of vacation, sick, and personal pay when employees work their full schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner