

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
December 22, 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 December 15, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Discussed the need to remove some snow from the County roads during big snow storms, and also adding some gravel.

EXTENSION OFFICE: Kevin Fox and Elizabeth Fox, Extension Board Members, discussed the 4-H photography program and informed that six pictures from local youth qualified for the State Fair. Ms. Fox also asked permission to display some of the 4-H photography in the Courthouse. Ms. Fox will meet with Angie Moser and Carla Patchett to find an area to display the photographs.

STEVE PHILLIPS: Mr. Phillips, Airport Manager, discussed the five and ten year FAA Airport Improvement Program worksheets. The only proposed FAA project would be a 600 foot runway extension with a total cost of approximately \$2,500,000.00 with a 10% County share of \$250,000.00. The Commissioners and Mr. Phillips discussed the pros and cons of the runway extension. Mr. Phillips also suggested a runway crack repair project in the next few years or an updated airport layout plan. The Commissioners feel spending money to maintain the current runway is the better project for Hamilton County. Also discussed the possibility of going to a three member Airport Board. Mr. Phillips also gave an update on the NexGen 911 equipment installation.

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

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

ADDITIONS & ABATEMENTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Simon moved to approve Additions & Abatements Nos. 150127 through 150128. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

DECEMBER 31, 2015: Chris Squire, County Treasurer, asked to close the Courthouse at noon on December 31, 2015 in order for her to close out the 2015 year end reports. Commissioner Lewis moved to close the Courthouse at noon on December 31, 2015. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

YOUTH ACTIVITY BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS: The SYAA Board informed the County Clerk that three Board Member's terms will expire December 31, 2015. Those members are Vance Keller, Casey Finlay and Dustin Doze, and Vance Keller is the only one who wishes to be reappointed. The SYAA Board will run an advertisement to seek letters of interest for the other two positions. Commissioner Braddock moved to reappoint Vance Keller to a four year term ending December 31, 2019. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

AMBULANCE RATE INCREASES: After Discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Ambulance Rate Increases as presented. 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 \$22,816.64. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Simon left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Braddock moved for a 5-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the four Commissioners and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:50 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Lewis moved for an additional 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the four Commissioners and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:56 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:06 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 10:08 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner