

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
July 21, 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

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with 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 July 14, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

VICKI VALENTINE: Ms. Valentine, Hamilton County Register of Deeds, asked the Commissioners to pass a resolution allowing her office to set a refund policy for the overpayment of fees, which would only allow refunds if there is an overpayment over \$20.00. She also stated that she always gives the customer the opportunity to rewrite their check for the correct amount, and will continue to do so. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-5 *A Resolution Setting a Refund Policy for the Overpayment of Fees Paid to the Register of Deeds Office*. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

JOYCE ARMSTRONG: Ms. Armstrong, Hamilton County Library Director, stated that the Library has been using a credit card in her name. She asked if the Library could be added to the County's First National Bank of Omaha charge card plan. Commissioner Braddock moved to allow the Library to have a county credit card with First National Bank of Omaha. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, stated she spoke to the Extension Board and County Extension Agent Jennifer Sexson regarding the Extension collaborating Community Development with the County. She also discussed the E-Community Entrepreneurship Tax Credits. Any donations made by Hamilton County Residents would be an approximate 75% Kansas State Income Tax Liability. For example, a donation of \$10,000.00 would allow the donor to receive a \$7,500.00 tax credit directly off their Kansas income tax liability. The donor would also be eligible to receive federal and state tax deductions for their donation. 80% of the donations will be used to create a locally controlled revolving loan fund for the Hamilton County Community to provide matching loans to entrepreneurs and small businesses.

HAMILTON COUNTY HOSPITAL: Patrick Geschwind, Interim Hospital CEO, discussed the following:

- 1) The Commissioners informed they accepted a resignation from Jamie Cheatum from the Hospital Board, and instructed Mr. Geschwind to have the Board come up with a few people that wish to be appointed and report back to the Commission.
- 2) Discussed the Hospital's request for Series A Non-Taxable No-Fund Warrants in the amount of \$201,158.88
- 3) Reported on the meeting that he had with the local banks and County Attorney regarding the proposed operating note.
- 4) The Hospital interviewed for the CEO position this past week and has offered the position to one of the candidates, with a possible start date of August 11, 2015. Also discussed the possibility of hiring a CFO.
- 5) Discussed future plans of the possibly re-opening the second wing of the Rest Home.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and Patrick Geschwind present. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:17 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:27 a.m.

JIM KENNEDY: Mr. Kennedy, with Kennedy & McKee, discussed the proposed 2016 budget. The 2016 Budget Hearing will be held August 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Commissioner Braddock contacted three contractors regarding the landfill pit, but has not heard back from any of them.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. Commissioner Simon stated that he looked at a mower at Golden Rule, Inc. and that the mower needed some repairs. He will speak to Golden Rule about them taking care of the repairs to the mower, and will report back. Commissioner Schwerdfeger voiced her concerns of the Road Crew having to stop what project they are doing at 2:30 to avoid overtime. If the conditions are right at the time, she feels they should be allowed to keep working.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Braddock reported that the crew is starting to haul material to Road B, blading roads and mowing ditches.

HOSPITAL BOARD RESIGNATION: The County Clerk presented a letter of resignation she received from Jamie Cheatum stating that he is resigning from the Hamilton County Hospital Board. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept Mr. Cheatum's resignation from the Hamilton County Hospital Board. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT: The County Clerk presented the semi-annual report she received from Great Plains Development, Inc. After review, Commissioner Braddock moved to accept the Semi-Annual Report from Great Plains Development, Inc. as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HEATING AND A/C MAINTENANCE BIDS: It was decided to advertise for bids again this year. The ad will be run the first two weeks of August.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$10,434.48. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: After review, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Series A Non-Taxable No-Fund Warrants in the amount of \$201,158.88. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger complimented the Fair Board on their website. Interviews for the Rural Operations Superintendent Position are set for the afternoon of August 4, 2015.

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 11:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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