

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
March 17, 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 Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Simon moved to approve the March 3, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

FAIR BOARD: Rae Vernon, Hamilton County Fair Board Member, and Babette Lewis, Fair Board Employee, met with the Commissioners to discuss KDOT's proposed 2018 pavement reconstruction. The project starts at the junction of Highways 50 and 27 and continues South 1000 feet on Highway 27 to a little north of the Golf Course road. One of the options is for KDOT to use the access road in front of the Fair Buildings as a detour while working on the project. If the road is used, KDOT will create two 14 foot lanes and pave the road. It was decided to not allow KDOT the use of the fair ground's access road as a detour route. Also, Ms. Lewis presented a list of items they no longer have any use for and would like them declared as surplus property. Commissioner Braddock moved to declare the items presented as surplus property and for the Fair Board to dispose as they see fit on public auction sites. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, gave her monthly report to the Commissioners. She is working on a grant for the school to help purchase cardio equipment that can be used by the community once the new gym is complete. She also presented the latest draft of a community survey, which she plans on collecting responses April 15-30.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Puckett moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, the County Clerk and County Attorney present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:28 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:38 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Simon moved for a 5-minute executive session for matters pertaining to attorney-client privilege with the Commissioners and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:40 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioner Simon moved to defer Alan's Truck Shop's micro loan payments for six months, beginning with the March 1, 2015 payment. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

SARAH OCHS: Ms. Ochs, full time Hamilton County EMT, met with the Commissioners to discuss her hours worked and her salary. Discussed the issue of the EMS volunteers not taking call during the day shift, which ties Sarah to take the majority of the day shifts, and restricts her to staying in Syracuse. Discussed options of having a first responder on call during the day to drive the ambulance or raising the on call pay for the volunteers.

PATRICK GESCHWIND AND JACOB STAUFFER: Patrick Geschwind, Interim Hospital CEO, Patrick Stauffer, Hospital Staff Accountant, and Sheila Stimatze, Director of Financial Services, discussed the No-Fund Warrant request. Mr. Stauffer informed the NFW request was for reimbursement of payments made on capital purchases from the Hospital's operating funds. Mr. Geschwind informed he is working to get the accounting staff more involved in the financial aspect of the Hospital.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Simon moved to approve Series A Non-Taxable No-Fund Warrants in the amount of \$156,400.24. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Darrin Sibley is going to give an estimate on the drop ceiling in the jury room.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Braddock informed that the Road Crew will finish rocking Road 32 today. They are crushing rock and making caliche, and will start blading roads tomorrow. Lori Lennen called Commissioner Braddock regarding gravel for Coolidge streets. Commissioner Schwerdfeger will report back about the hauling of the gravel. Also, discussed the possibility of renting a rock crusher to crush some of the bigger material in the pits.

ADDITIONS AND ABATEMENTS: After review, Commissioner Simon moved to approve Additions & Abatements 140397 through 140412. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE AIRPORT BOARD: Will be discussed at the March 17, 2015 meeting.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$18,541.33. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Braddock and Commissioner Schwerdfeger left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

GOLF COURSE BOARD: Thad Rash and Donnie Miller, Tamarisk Golf Course Board Members informed that KDOT would provide concrete barriers to build a containment area for the sand used at the golf course. KDOT asked for formal approval from the County Commissioners for the barriers. Commissioner Puckett moved that the County request 8 concrete barriers from KDOT for use at the golf course. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Rash also informed the golf course is in the process of getting bids to replace or repair the pump system. The project would be in two stages with a rough estimate cost of \$50,000.00.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Simon reported he had a Hamilton County resident ask to borrow the sheeps foot for the resident to use on his personal property. It was decided to not loan out County owned equipment, as our Liability Insurance only covers the equipment if operated by a County Employee. Commissioner Lewis presented a flyer from SW Kansas Local Environmental Planning Commission.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Puckett seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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