

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
March 15, 2016
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
John R. Simon, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with four Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Braddock moved to adopt the Agenda with addition of Hospital Steering Committee Update added under Business. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the March 8, 2016 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was approved with three "ayes" and one abstention.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

FAIR BOARD: Natasha te Velde, Rae Bezona, and Heath Boy, Fair Board Members, and Babette Lewis, Fair Employee, informed that the Fair Board accepted Davis Electric Inc.'s bid for fair grounds electrical updates with a total cost of \$27,500.00. The Commissioners asked if the Fair Board charged the public for electrical hook ups and they informed they do charge a fee of \$20.00 per day to help cover the cost of the electric. Commissioner Braddock moved to accept the bid from Davis Electric Inc. as presented with the County paying 50% and the Fair Board paying 50%. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The County will pay for the additional work required by Wheatland Electric. The Fair Board Members asked the Commissioner to implement an alcohol policy. Their proposal is to have the Commissioners approve a resolution that creates a specified exemption to the State Law prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property. This exemption would allow for the consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Fair Grounds as well as Tamarisk Golf Course (with the exemption of the baseball fields area during any school sporting events). All State and Federal laws would remain; as far as legal drinking age, open containers in parking lots and alleys, open containers in vehicles on the roadways, etc. As stated in the Kansas Liquor Control Act allows the Commissioners the right to set the law in these environments on this issue. The Fair Board feels this would allow them to designate areas to allow alcohol consumption, which would be easier for them to control/police. The Fair Board is also concerned about getting fined from the State with the alcohol consumption that is currently going on at most of the events at the Fair Grounds, including weddings and parties being held in the Fair Buildings.

JESSICA REYES: Ms. Reyes with LifeTeam Critical Care Transport informed they have partnered with Hamilton County Hospital to offer air ambulance service. LifeTeam would like to offer the County a group membership for their employees for \$35.00 per year for the household.

GOLF COURSE BOARD: Donnie Miller and Tim Kohart, Tamarisk Golf Course Board Members and Tom Simpson, Golf Course Superintendent, discussed purchasing a Versa Green mower in the amount of \$18,195.00 with a Lease Purchase from Valley State Bank at 4% interest with a down payment of \$3,639.00 with four annual payments of \$4,010.00. The John Deere rough mower and the Toro fairway mower will be paid off in 2016. Commissioner Braddock moved to authorize the Golf Course Board to purchase a Versa Green mower with a Lease Purchase from Valley State Bank as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Simpson also asked to declare the Ingersoll air compressor as surplus property and be allowed to place it on Purple Wave Auction. Commissioner Braddock moved to deem the Ingersoll Air Compressor as surplus property and to allow the Golf Course Board to place it on Purple Wave Auction. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE: Commissioner Braddock moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to attorney client privilege with the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and Steve Schell present. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:43 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:53 a.m. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved for an additional 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to attorney client privilege with the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and Steve Schell present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:54 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:04 a.m.

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

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. Discussed work needing done on Road U. Also discussed the road on the east side of the Golf Course and the nuisance of the public dumping trash in the area.

ROAD PETITION: Commissioner Braddock informed that he discussed the Road Petition from Darrin Dewitt for the location of a road beginning at the corner of Road 31 & Road U south to Road 25 (more commonly known as Mayline Road) and it was agreed to just have the County make the existing field road passable.

REAPPOINTMENT TO GOLF COURSE BOARD: The Golf Course Board has informed the County Clerk that Rick Mathias wishes to be reappointed to the Board. Commissioner Braddock moved to reappoint Rick Mathias to the Golf Course Board for a four year term ending January, 2020. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT: A Right of Way Permit was received from City of Syracuse to place a 1” water line across the west River Road. Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the Right of Way Permit submitted by the City of Syracuse as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR RESIGNATION: The County Clerk presented a letter of resignation she received from Sarah Schwerdfeger resigning as the Community Development Director. Commissioner Simon moved to accept Ms. Schwerdfeger’s resignation as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was approved with three “ayes” and one abstention.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$15,507.20. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger informed there will be a train wreck/chemical spill simulation for the local emergency planning committee on March 22nd.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Braddock moved for adjournment. Commissioner Simon seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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