

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
March 3, 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 with removing Ed Baker at 9:30 and adding Alan Hanson at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the February 17, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Discussed the prisoner medical care costs incurred. It was decided to pay 2015 costs from the Sheriff's Department budget, which is part of the County General Fund.

HOSPITAL BOARD & PATRICK GESCHWIND: Dr. Fred Ayers and Janet Weis, Hamilton County Hospital Board Members, introduced Patrick Geschwind as the new Interim Hospital CEO. Mr. Geschwind gave the Commissioners his background information and discussed his plans for Hamilton County Hospital. Dr. Ayers informed that Bryan Coffey was terminated "with cause". The Hospital's Auditor's, BKD, LLP, is in the process of filing the Hospital's interim cost reports and audit report, and will give the Hospital Board an update at their March 19th board meeting. Dr. Ayers and Mr. Geschwind also discussed True Bridge, the company doing the outsource billing and status of the Hospital's accounts receivable.

GARY BENNETT: Mr. Bennett with Kansas Dept. of Transportation, informed the Commissioners they have a proposed pavement reconstruction project that 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. Mr. Bennett informed one of the options is for KDOT could 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 feet lanes and pave the road. KDOT has other options of using stop lights and working on one side at a time. The project proposed start date of the first phase will be January of 2018. The Commissioners will discuss the option of using the access road with the Fair Board and will report back to Mr. Bennett.

Commissioner Lewis left the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

ALAN HANSON: Commissioner Puckett moved for a 20-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, County Attorney, County Clerk, and Alan Hanson present. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:30 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:50 a.m.

Ed Baker could not attend the meeting, but he left a message with the County Clerk to invite the Commissioners to the Fire Department appreciation dinner on March 14th at 6:30 p.m.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Commissioner Braddock spoke with Kirkham & Michael regarding the Landfill Pit. Commissioner Simon gave an update regarding the windows at the Museum. Discussed installing 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 is putting crushed rock on Road 28 and Road 32. Commissioner Braddock would like to check into a different conveyor or screen. Discussed which material to use to cap the Coolidge Road.

ADDITIONS AND ABATEMENTS: After review, Commissioner Simon moved to approve Additions & Abatements 140383 through 140396. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT: The County Clerk presented a letter of interest she received from Harriet Englert to be appointed to the Hamilton County Hospital Board. Commissioner Braddock moved to appoint Harriet Englert to an unexpired term ending May 31, 2017. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$93,809.44. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Puckett moved to raise Carla Patchett's hourly wage to \$13.50 per hour. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Simon moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to attorney client privilege with the Commissioners and County Attorney present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:45 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:55 a.m.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Simon moved for adjournment. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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Commissioner