

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
May 17, 2016
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
Michael W. Lewis, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
John R. Simon, 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 adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the May 10, 2016 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

FAIR BOARD: Heath Boy, Rae Vernon, and Natasha te Velde, Fair Board Members, Babette Lewis, Fair Employee, and David Luke, KCAMP Representative (Via Telephone), discussed posting signs according to Kansas Statutes to prohibit alcohol on the fair grounds and who is ultimately responsible for enforcing the signs. Mr. Luke advised that if alcohol is prohibited on County property then it does need to be enforced. Mr. Luke also informed there is a third party liability policy available for people who rent the fairground facilities that the County can require them to purchase. Discussed options of the Fair Board publishing articles to help educate the public on this issue and encouraging our local law enforcement to have more of a presence at the fair.

HAMILTON COUNTY HOSPITAL: Robert Carter, M.D., with Carter Professional Care P.C., via skype, Alice Frazer, Carol Roberts, and Janet Thomeczek, Hospital Board Members, and Rob Rawlings, Hospital Administrator, discussed the Resolution passed by the Hamilton County Hospital Board to pledge authority to annually levy a tax, under authority of K.S.A. 19-4606, which will allow the County to use the Hospital's current 18 mills to pay for the requested no-fund warrants. Also, any money paid to the hospital between May 10, 2016 and the issuance of the no-fund warrants must be paid back by the hospital as soon as the no fund warrants are issued. Dr. Carter requested \$150,000.00 of operating funds. Dr. Carter wanted to thank the Commissioner and the citizens of Hamilton County for their continued support of the hospital. Dr. Carter also discussed the fact that the Hospital Employees will eventually transition to being employed by Carter Professional Group, which will end their retirement benefits with KPERS.

ALAN HANSON: Mr. Hanson, EMS Director, informed the Commissioners that this week is National EMS Week and his department is hosting an open house tomorrow, May 18, 2016 from 3-7 p.m. at the Ambulance Shed. Also, Mr. Hanson informed that he has found free software to operate a computer system to enable the EMS crew to use in the ambulances to complete their run reports while on the actual ambulance run. The ambulances would have to have a wireless hotspot and tablets would need to be purchased. The wireless hotspots would also enable having wireless cardiac monitor capabilities. Commissioner Lewis authorized Alan Hanson to research the cost of purchasing a tablet and wireless hotspots not to exceed \$2,500.00 and report back to the Commissioners. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

HOSPITAL FUNDING REQUEST: Commissioner Lewis moved to pay the Hospital \$50,000.00 from the County Tax Fund. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTED HOSPITAL BOARD: Attorney Gale presented a draft of *A Resolution Regarding Changing the Manner of Selection of the Hamilton County Hospital Board of Trustees from the Present System of Electing its Members to a System where the Members are Appointed by the Board of the County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Kansas, Pursuant to K.S.A. 19-4605*. The Commissioners along with Alice Frazer, Carol Roberts, and Janet Thomeczek, Hospital Board Members, discussed the reasoning of going to an appointed board and the possibility of going to a five member board since there is a hard time filling vacant positions.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$15,122.20. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved for a 20-minute executive session for matters pertaining to attorney-client privilege with the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:22 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:42 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 10:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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