

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting  
P.O. Box 1167  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room  
Hamilton County Courthouse  
May 3, 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

Kelly McQueary  
Brian Bloyd

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

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to adopt the as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Simon moved to approve the April 19, 2016 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

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

RICH LYNAM: Mr. Lynam, Road Foreman, gave his monthly update to the Commissioners as follows:

- 1) The crew is blading roads and putting up the new road signs.
- 2) Discussed the patching of paved roads. Will need close to five loads of hot mix to patch holes before B & H Paving does the chip and seal.
- 3) Mr. Lynam informed he needed to hire part time seasonal help to do the mowing. It was decided to hire two seasonal staff and have one of the road crew run the third mower when time permits.
- 4) Discussed making the field road beginning at the corner of Road 31 & Road U south to Road 35 passable. The current field road is not on the section line and has wheat planted on both sides. Road 33 on the south end of the field road is an open County Road that is an alternative route for farmers to use to access their ground. This will be discussed further with the surrounding land owners/tenants.
- 5) Discussed having Foley Equipment mechanic vs. Road Department mechanic service the two road graders the County owns.

HUBER SAND: Mitch Huber with Huber Sand discussed back filling the pond on the County's property by the river with clean wash sand and asked for some kind of contract in writing to release Huber Sand from any liability. The County Clerk will check with the County's liability insurance company (KCAMP) regarding any liability associated with Huber Sand on this issue. Also, Commissioner Lewis will check with the local game warden on regulations of removing the fish from the pond.

SDSI: Mark Hinde with Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. discussed the services available to Hamilton County through SDSI, Inc. and presented his organization's request for a 2017 appropriation to the Commissioners.

RCDC: Jill Reagle with Russell Child Development Center presented the Commissioners her organization's request for a 2017 appropriation. RCDC provided services to 154 children in Hamilton County last year.

CITY ON A HILL: Tammy Lund, with City on a Hill, explained the services the organization provides to Hamilton County and presented her request for a 2017 appropriation. Commissioner Simon moved to pay \$1,700.00 to the Syracuse Youth Activities Association and \$1,700.00 to City on a Hill, to be paid from the Special Alcohol Fund and an additional \$500.00 to City on a Hill to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

QUE FULLMER: Que Fullmer and Ty Fullmer with Fullmer Cattle Company, discussed the concerns of their Company's lagoon discharge and having to pipe to a de-watering place, which has been permitted and approved by KDHE. Mr. Fullmer advised he does not believe there is any danger of ground water contamination and explained the de-watering is usually done a couple times a year with the water dissipating within 72 hours. Discussed concerns of the de-watering causing nitrates to contaminate the aquifer used for the City's drinking water. and options of de-watering to the east in order to decrease the risk of contaminating the aquifer. The Fullmers asked if the Commissioners would be willing to sign a right of way permit for the de-watering, but the Commissioners informed that the County cannot sign a right of way permit since there is record that only 500 feet of the road is an open road.

ALAN HANSON: Mr. Hanson, EMS Director, discussed purchasing a tablet based computer system to enable the EMS crew to use in the ambulances to complete their run reports while on the actual ambulance run. The equipment would cost around \$3,300.00 to \$4,400.00 as well as an initial software purchase in the amount of \$2,300.00 and an approximate \$600.00 annual maintenance cost. Mr. Hanson is attending a meeting next week regarding the software and will report back to the Commission.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Noxious Weed Director, informed the Commissioners that the County has some Banvel that was purchased two years ago at a higher price than what it can currently be purchased for. The Commissioners gave Ms. Mitchell permission to sell the Banvel closer to the current price.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Use of the new landfill pit has been permitted by KDHE.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

SUNFLOWER SQUARE: Commissioner Lewis informed that he and Commissioner Simon met with the Sunflower Square residents and the VIP personnel. Commissioner Lewis also presented drafts of a Bid Specification sheet for Operation and Management of Sunflower Square, a Schedule of Services, and weekly/quarterly cleaning checklists for review. It was decided to have a July 1, 2016 as a target date for the County to take over operation and management of Sunflower Square. A bid request for the operation and management will be published in the near future.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$116,695.24. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

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 11:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

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County Clerk

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