

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting  
P.O. Box 1167  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room  
Hamilton County Courthouse  
October 20, 2015  
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman  
John R. 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 adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the October 13, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Sarah Schwerdfeger, Community Development Director, informed the Commissioners that she spoke with Jeannie Miller regarding the pumpkin patch at the outdoor classroom. There will not be a maze, and the pumpkins are not for sale. They will be used for the preschool kids. Ms. Schwerdfeger also invited the Commissioners to Wheatland Electric's ribbon cutting on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be serving lunch and giving tours of their newly renovated office.

TAMARISK GOLF COURSE: Donnie Miller, Tamarisk Golf Course Board Member, and Tom Simpson, Golf Course Superintendent, informed the Commissioners that the pump is up and running. They also asked for additional operating funds from the golf course's 2015 budget. Commissioner Braddock moved to give Tamarisk Golf Course \$10,000.00 for operating funds. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Miller also discussed the need for a permanent bathroom with a holding tank. Commissioner Lewis asked that he contact Scott Selee with SW Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group for guidance.

ED BAKER: Ed Baker, Rural Fire Chief, presented the following bids for a rescue vehicle and utility boxes:

Davis Motors for an F450 \$37,500.00  
Kansas Truck for a Reading Utility Box \$9,208.00  
Kansas Truck for a Stahl Utility Box \$9,736.00  
American Trailer for a Knaphelde Utility Box \$10,600.00  
American Trailer for a RKI Utility Box \$11,350.00

Mr. Baker will research each utility box to see if it will fit his needs. The Commissioners asked Mr. Baker if the current Noxious Weed spray rig would work for the vehicle. Mr. Baker will check on the spray rig's wheel base and turning radius and report back to the Commissioners.

KERSIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Noxious Weed Director, presented the 2016 Noxious Weed Management Plan for Approval. Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Management Plan as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Ms. Mitchell also informed they are drilling the monitoring wells at the Landfill. Also discussed the approved Road Petition submitted by Ms. Mitchell. It was decided that the Road will be put in when the construction of the property begins.

CAROL ROBERTS: Ms. Roberts, Hamilton County Hospital Board Member, voiced her concerns being approached in a public restaurant by Commissioner Schwerdfeger about the Hospital Board not attending the Commissioner Meeting when the CEO and COO attend the meeting. She also stated that the COO has explained in detail to the Hospital Board about selling the uncollectable accounts receivables to an outside firm and the potential revenue that would bring to the Hospital. Carol asked that if anyone has a concern, to please call her or come to a Hospital Board meeting. Ms. Roberts also stated that Hospital Board Member's will attend the Commissioner Meetings with the CEO and COO in the future. Attorney Gale stated that future communications should be held in private or at a Board meeting to minimize the public confrontations and the cause of unneeded gossip.

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

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. The ball diamond road was added to the list.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$8,075.96. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Alan Hanson discussed his concerns with Dr. Posey being no longer employed with Hamilton County Hospital, as he is the Medical Director for the EMS Service. Mr. Hanson advised that his Department is following the State's guidelines for "online medical direction" until Dr. Zerr can be appointed the Medical Director for the EMS. Also, Commissioner Schwerdfeger wanted to let the other Commissioners know that she did not state that the Hospital would be closing in a month, that she stated the Hospital Board Members needed to attend the Commission Meeting with the Hospital CEO and the COO and reiterated that the Commissioners told the CEO and COO they needed a Plan "B".

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 10:10 a.m.

ATTEST:

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