

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
September 16, 2014
8:30 a.m.

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

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the September 9, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. The Road Shop needs new heaters. Ed Baker will get some bids and report to Commissioner Braddock. Attorney Gale informed the tax sale will be towards the end of October or first part of November.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. The Road Department employees are working on a job priority list of their districts. Still working on mowing ditches and blading roads.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Kerstin Mitchell, the County's MSHA contact, discussed some of MSHA's requirements. It was decided that Ed Baker will be the MSHA Pit Representative, and Ed Baker and Lester Barnes will be the MSHA task trainers. Commissioner Braddock informed he authorized the Road Department to purchase two industrial weed eaters. Also discussed the need of an air compressor generator. Commissioner Braddock moved to declare the three conveyors at the Road Department as surplus property. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The conveyors will be listed on Purple Wave Auction. Also, discussed using the speed mover for snow removal vs. purchasing a dozer blade for one of the tractors. Commissioner Braddock moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:05 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:15 a.m.

RURAL OPERATIONS EMPLOYEE WAGES: The Road Committee was directed to interview and hire up to two positions for the Rural Operations. Discussed going to a 40 hour work week and various wage options.

R.O.W. ROAD PERMIT: After review, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Right-of-Way Road Permit submitted by Pioneer Communications to place Coax TV Cable in the County's right of way on Road 20 in Section 1-24-44. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

MICRO LOAN: After discussion of a letter received from Great Plains Development, Inc., Commissioner Simon moved to defer Alan's Truck Shop's Micro Loan payments until March 1, 2015. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$45,343.78. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Lewis discussed the impact of education budget cuts to our schools and meetings being held by Kansas Center for Economic Growth. Commissioner Schwerdfeger gave an update on the lesser prairie chicken committee (KNRC). Also discussed the current situation regarding the recall petitions filed to recall two hospital board members.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Braddock moved for adjournment. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner