

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting  
P.O. Box 1167  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room  
Hamilton County Courthouse  
September 2, 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

Richard Garza

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

AGENDA: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Simon moved to approve the August 19, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

CITY DOG BOARD: Joy Bezona, City/County Dog Catcher, asked the Commissioners if a portion of the Outdoor Classroom would be available to use as a Dog Park. Ms. Bezona spoke with Kathy Acre with the Soil Conservation District about using the Outdoor Classroom and she suggested she speak to the Commissioners. The portion being used will be fenced off and signs stating that the public is totally liable for their own dogs will be posted. Attorney Gale informed a termination clause will be needed in case of any future economic development plans and that the County is not responsible for any costs associated with the proposed Dog Park. Attorney Gale also informed Ms. Bezona she needed to bring the issue to the Zoning Committee and report back to the Commissioners.

BRYAN COFFEY: Mr. Coffey, Hamilton County Hospital Administrator, discussed the following:

- 1) Informed there are some issues with the new CPSI software and he is reworking the June financials.
- 2) The Hospital has updated the surgery table and surgery scopes.
- 3) The Modular Building for the MRI will be in this week. The magnet will be here next week.
- 4) The old living room in Long Term Care is being renovated into a new Physical Therapy Gym.
- 5) HCH is working on a contract with an Ear, Nose and Throat Provider.

KENNEY SMITH: Commissioner Braddock moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, the County Attorney, and Kenny Smith present. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:25 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:35 a.m. Sheriff Garza commended Kenny Smith on his job as EMS Director and on his level of expertise.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Lewis moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:50 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

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

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. Discussed concerns of speeding on County Roads. Speed limit signs need to be posted on some County Roads.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioners Braddock and Simon advised they spoke with the Road Employees and things seem to be going very well.

DIRECTOR OF RURAL OPERATIONS POSITION: The Commissioners discussed different options on whether or not to hire a new Director of Rural Operations. No action taken and this will be discussed further at the first meeting in October.

SOCIAL MEDIA /ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION POLICY: Attorney Gale presented a new Communication Policy to include *Email, Text, Social Media, and all other Electronic Communication through Social Media, Websites, and other methods intended to communicate with more than one person.* Commissioner Lewis moved to amend the County's Communication Policy as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The County Clerk will send a copy of the new policy to all County employees along with a page to sign acknowledging they have received the policy and agree to the policy change.

HEATING & A/C MAINTENANCE BIDS: One bid was received from Big Dog Heating & Cooling, Inc. After discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the bid from Big Dog Heating, Inc. to service/maintain the 45 County units for one year commencing September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

FAIR BOARD MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS: After discussion of the Fair Board's recommendation for new fair board members, Commissioner Lewis moved to appoint Juana Bustillos to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2017 and Griselda Sigala to an unexpired term ending December 31, 2016. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

SW KANSAS KAC MEETING: Commissioner Puckett moved to reschedule the October 7, 2014 Commissioner Meeting to amend the 2014 calendar schedule and move the first scheduled meeting in October to Monday, October 6, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in order for the Commissioners to attend the SW Kansas KAC Meeting held in Leoti. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$134,309.65. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: As of December 31, 2014, Kearny County will no longer be involved with the SW Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Braddock moved for adjournment. Commissioner Simon seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

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