

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
September 23, 2014
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 approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Simon moved to approve the September 16, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, presented a draft copy of the youth representative position description for review.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Noxious Weed Director, informed that the County needs to renew the Prairie Dog Resolution for the winter of 2014-2015. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-9 *A Resolution regarding the Treatment of Prairie Dog Infestation for the Winter of 2014-2015 for Hamilton County, Kansas*. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. The proposed hospital project was discussed.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. The crew will work on Kendall Grade after done blading roads, and then they will work on Road B.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: The screen will be moved to the Grusing pit to process rock to put on the Kendall Grade.

RURAL OPERATIONS EMPLOYEE WAGES: Commissioners Braddock and Simon met with the Road Department employees to review the new proposed pay scale. Commissioner Braddock moved to accept the new pay scale effective October 6, 2014 and change the County handbook to reflect a 40 hour work week for the rural operations employees. The new pay scale will include their cost of living raise for 2015. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

RURAL OPERATIONS EMPLOYEE NEW HIRE: Commissioners Braddock and Simon informed they conducted interviews for new Rural Operation employees and at this time they recommendation to hire Ky Westeman and Rick Schmidt. Commissioner Lewis moved to hire Ky Westeman and Rick Schmidt at \$15.00 per hour for a 90-day probation period. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRAIRIE DOG RESOLUTION: Discussed earlier with Kerstin Mitchell.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$7,041.73. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger discussed a KNRC (lesser prairie chicken) meeting being held this Thursday and informed she will tender her resignation from the KNRC steering committee. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved for Hamilton County to withdraw from the KNRC. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

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:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

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