

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
December 3, 2013
8:30 a.m.

John Simon, Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Vice-Chairman
Michael Lewis, Commissioner
Keith Puckett, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Simon 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 Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the November 19, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

TOM SCOTT: Mr. Scott, Hamilton County Appraiser, and Terry Lawhon with Landmark Appraisal, discussed the assessed valuation and property taxes of Porky's Restaurant. Landmark Appraisal will reevaluate the valuation of the property and they had informed the property owner the proper procedure to follow in order to protest the taxes. Also, Mr. Scott informed his office needs a new printer and he has requested some quotes.

DENICE KENNEDY: Ms. Kennedy and Bill Lowe, owners of Porky's Restaurant, discussed concerns of the amount of property taxes due on their business. The Commissioners discussed the fact that the State of Kansas sets the property assessment and taxing guidelines, but Landmark Appraisal is willing to reevaluate the tax value of their business.

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

2014 CALENDAR: The County Clerk presented the 2014 calendar for approval. Chris Squire, Hamilton County Treasurer requested Columbus Day as a County paid holiday. This will be discussed further at the December 10, 2013 meeting.

ROZ RESOLUTION: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-20 *Resolution of the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners Authorizing Participation in Student Loan Repayment Program* up to the amount of \$30,000.00. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

GOLF BOARD RESIGNATION: Commissioner Lewis moved to accept Jeff Oglesbee's resignation from the Tamarisk Golf Course Board. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. The project list and priority projects will be discussed further with Mike Buxton, Director of Rural Operations.

ADDITIONS AND ABATEMENTS: After review, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve Additions and Abatement No. 130013 through 130051. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

FAIR BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner Braddock moved to re-appoint Martha Royer to the Hamilton County Fair Board for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2017. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to appoint Butch Stucky to the Hamilton County Fair Board for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2017. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion. The Motion failed with two “ayes” and three “nays”. Commissioner Simon moved to appoint Natasha te Velde to the Hamilton County Fair Board for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2017. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to appoint Rusty Wharton to the Hamilton County Fair Board for a 4-year term ending December 31, 2017. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with four “ayes” and one “nay”.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$82,319.32, \$19,202.32 and \$1,338.23. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve Series A Non-Taxable No-Fund Warrants in the amount of \$74,458.00. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger gave an update regarding the Lesser Prairie Chicken issue. Commissioner Lewis reported he will attend a Kansas Emergency Medical meeting the end of this week.

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 10:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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Commissioner