

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
February 17, 2015
8:30 a.m.

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

Alan Hanson

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

AGENDA: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of Atmos Energy at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the February 10, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ATMOS ENERGY: Mark Cristelli with Atmos Energy, presented a Right of Way Permit to place a 6" steel natural gas line across County Road B and explained the process involved in doing so. The Road would need to be closed overnight for approximately twelve hours. Commissioner Braddock moved to approve a Right Of Way Permit submitted by Atmos Energy to place a 6" steel natural gas main across County Road B. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

RICHARD GARZA: Mr. Garza, Hamilton County Sheriff, presented the costs of prisoner medical care from 2008 to 2014 and also building maintenance costs from 2010 to 2014 that were paid from the Sheriff's Budget. Discussed options of setting up a separate line item for the 2016 budget for prisoner care and Sheriff's Office Building Maintenance to be paid from the General Fund. It was decided to have Sheriff Garza keep track of any prisoner care and building maintenance expenses for 2015, and keep the Commission informed of the costs. Sheriff Garza asked for an Executive Session. Commissioner Lewis moved for a 5-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, County Attorney, and the Sheriff present. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:07 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:12 a.m.

GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT: Bob Wetmore, Co-Director and Paul Olsen, Field Service Representative with Great Plains Development, Inc., presented a 2015 Services Update for Hamilton County and CDBG Funds available. Commissioner Braddock moved to accept the Membership Agreement with Great Plains Development, Inc. and to pay membership dues in the amount of \$750.00. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, gave her monthly report to the Commissioners.

Sheriff Garza stopped by to introduce Deputy Mike Wilson to the Commissioners.

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

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Braddock informed that the crew is graveling Road Z from Road 35 to Road 37. The crew will start crushing some rock to finish the Road B project. Commissioner Schwerdfeger informed that some of the surrounding land owners around the bridge in Coolidge Township have started cutting down some of the trees and burning tumbleweeds. She will report back on the project.

ROAD DIRECTOR/FOREMAN POSITION: No action taken.

SKEMS APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Simon moved to appoint Alan Hanson as Hamilton County's voting member of the Southwest Kansas EMS (SKEMS) Region II. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

R.O.W. Permit: Approved above under Atmos Energy.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$40,080.29. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Lewis has an individual interested as serving as the County's representative to the Compass Behavioral Health Board. Commissioner Schwerdfeger asked about appointing a member to the Hospital Board to replace Kent Schwieterman. Commissioner Puckett informed he attended the Hospital Board meeting.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Simon moved for adjournment. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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Commissioner