

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioners Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
February 5, 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

Bill Royer
Martha Royer

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

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the January 22, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL BOARD: Tim Haslett and Kent Schwieterman, Hamilton County Hospital Board Members, and Phyllis Horning, Interim Hospital Administrator, discussed the following:

- 1) Current cash flow issues and repair costs incurred at the hospital.
- 2) The Boiler needs to be repaired or replaced. A water softener is needed. The Oxygen system will need to be replaced.
- 3) Pamela Stewart, M.D. from Garden Medical Clinic has agreed to be temporary Chief of Staff, Medical Director and oversee the current mid-level staff.
- 4) The Hospital Board visited with the Hospital in Ashland, KS regarding their staffing and their day to day operations. They recommended contacting Grimwood Strategies, LLC to help with a strategic plan.

Commissioner Braddock moved to pay Hamilton County Hospital \$80,000.00 from the County Tax Fund. Commissioner Puckett seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

MIKE BUXTON: Mr. Buxton, Director of Rural Operations, discussed the following:

- 1) Curtis Houser from Kirkham & Michael gave an update on a road project in the Southeast part of the County.
- 2) Mr. Houser also informed that it is possible to change the road project available for federal funds. Commissioner Braddock moved to change the Federal Fund Road Project from Road 31 to Road 35 east. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.
- 3) Mr. Buxton presented a repair quote from Foley Equipment for the Cat 950G Loader. He is currently getting quotes for a new loader.
- 4) Presented a quote from B & H Paving, Inc. for oil and labor for seven miles at \$16,057.00 per mile. Commissioner Simon moved to hire B & H Paving, Inc. for the chip and sealing of County roads, with the County providing 1/2 inch crushed aggregate. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

CARLA PATCHETT: Ms. Patchett, Courthouse Custodian, presented the Fire Alarm Inspection Report performed by Simplex Grinnell. The smoke detectors at the Donahue Building by the elevator on all three floors and the smoke alarm in the elevator equipment room failed to recall the elevator during testing. Ms. Patchett was instructed to contact Simplex Grinnell to find out time frame and cost of repairs.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Road Department Secretary, discussed the following:

- 1) PIONEER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. ROAD PERMIT: Commissioner Simon moved to approve a Road Permit submitted by Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Inc. to place 6" PVC and Primary Electric Line under Road 34. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.
- 2) ONEOK FIELD SERVICE ROAD PERMIT: It was decided more information is needed before the road permit can be approved.
- 3) GRAVEL PIT LEASE: A Gravel Pit Lease will be sent to Joe Marak and Catherine Corley for signatures.
- 4) Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the contract with Kansas Department of Transportation for control of noxious weeds. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-Year Plan was reviewed. Commissioner Puckett informed there are four windows that need replaced at the Donahue Building. Estimated cost for replacement windows and labor to install would be approximately \$400.00 per window.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Braddock moved for a 10-minute executive session in order to discuss matters regarding attorney-client privilege, with all Commissioners and Attorney Gale present. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:40 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m.

FAIR BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner Simon moved to appoint Rae Vernon and Lori Lennen to the Hamilton County Fair Board as recommended by the current Fair Board, for a four year term to end December 31, 2016. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS: After review, Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the 2012 Annual Reports for Bear Creek Township, Coolidge Township and Kendall Township as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

FUNDS TO SYAA AND CITY ON A HILL: Commissioner Lewis moved to pay \$2,000.00 to the Syracuse Youth Activities Association and \$2,000.00 to City on a Hill, to be paid from the Special Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$172,607.30. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Braddock reported on the KLPG meetings he attended in Topeka. Commissioner Lewis encouraged participation in the Community Health survey.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded and the meeting was adjourned 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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