

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
January 6, 2015
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

Sarah Ochs

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

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda with the addition of EMS Director under Business. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Simon moved to approve the December 23, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was approved with four "ayes" and one abstention.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Commissioner Lewis had some public concerns brought to his attention. First, he was asked to have the speed limit on Highway 27 reduced below 65 mph past the sand park. He referred the concern to KDOT. Second, there is a concern of Sunflower Square apartments not being available to elderly citizens due to Hamilton County Hospital staff using the apartments. Hamilton County Hospital is in charge of renting the apartments.

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

RICHARD GARZA: Commissioner Puckett moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, Sheriff Garza, the County Attorney, and the County Clerk present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 8:40 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 8:50 a.m. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved for a suspension of the requirement for Employees to be Hamilton County residents for a period of six months while in the process of hiring a dispatcher. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

STEVE PHILLIPS: Mr. Phillips, Emergency Management Director, gave his quarterly report to the Commissioners. Also, reviewed the project grant funds list of equipment available to Hamilton County through Southwest Regional Homeland Security Program. Kansas 911 coordinating council expects to select a statewide vendor in the near future for a NexGen 911 program.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Discussed building a single wide wash pit building at the Road Department to be available for all County entity use.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT: Commissioner Braddock discussed the current projects the crew is working on.

ADDITIONS & ABATEMENTS: After review, Commissioner Simon moved to approve Abatement No. 140106. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS: Commissioner Simon moved that Resolution No. 2015-1 *Designation of Official Depositories of Public Funds*; Resolution No. 2015-2 *Wind Erosion Assessment*; and Resolution No. 2015-3 *Compliance with the Cash Basis and Budget Laws of the State of Kansas*, be approved. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT: After discussion, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to appoint Larry Ochs to the Hamilton County Hospital Board for an unexpired term vacated by David Simon ending May, 2017. The Motion died for a lack of a second. Commissioner Braddock moved to appoint Ron Munyan to the Hamilton County Hospital Board for an unexpired term vacated by David Simon ending May, 2017. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion. Motion passed with three “ayes” and two “nays”.

EMS DIRECTOR: Alan Hanson verbally accepted the EMS Director position. He will start on January 19, 2015.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$324,154.90 and the Appropriations in the amount of \$364,930.50. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: None.

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 10:35 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Commissioner