

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

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

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

AGENDA: Commissioner Puckett moved to adopt the Agenda with the addition of "Burn Ban" as item C under Business. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the January 2, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS: Marcia Ashmore, County Clerk, took the oaths of Richard Garza as Sherriff, Angie Moser as County Clerk, Vicki Valentine as Register of Deeds, Robert H. Gale, Jr. as County Attorney, John Simon as District 3 Commissioner, and Keith Puckett as District 2 Commissioner.

YEAR OF SERVICE AWARDS: The Commissioners presented the following years of service awards: Keith Puckett for eight years, Richard Garza for 16 years, Fred Hendrickson for 16 years and Chris Squire 32 years. They also presented Marcia Ashmore and Fred Hendrickson with silver watches in appreciation of their years of service.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Commissioner Braddock nominated John Simon as the Chairman of the Commission. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Puckett nominated Randy Braddock as the Vice-Chairman of the Commission. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

KIRKHAM MICHAEL, Curtis Houser, representative from Kirkham Michael, discussed the possibility of opening a road in the southeast part of the County.

GOLF COURSE BOARD: James Burrow, Tamarisk Golf Course Director, and Golf Course Board Members Matthew Lampe and Thad Rash, discussed the following:

- 1) There will be a slight increase in membership fees and daily fees;
- 2) Adding a couple new lines of irrigation;
- 3) Need a new rough mower. Mr. Burrow has a quote for a 2010 John Deere for \$24,000.00, and he will check into lease purchase options. Commissioner Braddock moved to declare the rough mower at the golf course as surplus equipment and for the Golf Course Board to dispose of said equipment at their discretion. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.
- 4) Commission informed Mr. Burrow of the possibility for the need of additional insurance for any special event held at the golf course.

KENT SCHWIETERMAN: Kent Schwieterman and David Simon, Hamilton County Hospital Board Members, requested an executive session. Commissioner Simon moved for a 15-minute executive session in order to discuss matters regarding non-elected personnel, with all Commissioners, Attorney Gale, Kent Schwieterman, and David Simon present. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:30 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioner Lewis moved for an additional 5-minute executive session in order to discuss matters regarding non-elected personnel, with all Commissioners, Attorney Gale, Kent Schwieterman, and David Simon present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:46 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:51 a.m.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-Year Plan was reviewed. Gravel is needed on the River Road.

SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the resignation of Fred Hendrickson from the Hamilton County Solid Waste Planning Committee and to appoint Randy Smith to said Committee. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

BURN BAN: Commissioner Braddock spoke to Rural Fire Chief Ed Baker regarding the current burn ban. Mr. Baker recommended lifting the burn ban. The current burn ban has officially expired, but the County's burn policy is still in effect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$23,237.82. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Discussed Prairie Dogs issues.

Commissioner Lewis moved to recess the Commissioner Meeting until the 12:00 p.m. Skype meeting with Sarah Steele with Gilmore & Bell. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Commissioners Meeting reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

Sarah Steele with Gilmore & Bell gave a presentation via Skype regarding a comparison of Kansas Constitution Economic Development Property Tax Exemption and the Kansas Industrial Revenue Bond Property Tax Exemption.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Puckett seconded and the meeting was adjourned 1:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Commissioner