

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
July 16, 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 Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the July 9, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, gave her monthly report to the Commission and discussed the following:

- 1) Creating a Hamilton County Facebook page to be administered by Ms. Carlholm and Angie Moser.
- 2) The next County Wide Leadership meeting will be August 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the school lecture hall.
- 3) Hosted the Wild West Country meeting on July 9th.
- 4) Have sent off edits from final proof reading of the Tourism Brochure.
- 5) Continuing on youth engagement program to see how to better involve the youth in our Community. Ms. Carlholm is focusing on high school students and recent graduates and planning on meeting with School Administration.
- 6) Working with Stanton County to start a business class in Spanish.

ED BAKER: Mr. Baker, Rural Fire Chief, informed the 30-day trial period is almost up for the software to receive pages through cell phone texts. The cost for each department (County Fire, City Fire and EMS) would be \$129.00 per month. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to subscribe to the text based paging service, at a monthly cost of \$129.00 per department. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

STEVE PHILLIPS: Mr. Phillips, Syracuse-Hamilton County Airport Director, discussed the purchase agreement for the airport runway expansion project. Through the FAA cost share program, the County's share of the purchase is 10 percent. Commissioner Simon moved to accept the contract to purchase the land from Scott Family Trust to complete the airport runway project, with the County's cost share to be \$9,089.50. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

2014 BUDGET WORK: The Commissioners proceeded with the preparation of the proposed 2014 budget for Hamilton County.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Discussed the County's options of selling the 140 H Road Grader that was purchased when the lease ran out in May of 2013.

Bryan Coffey, Interim Hamilton County Hospital Administrator, stopped by to give a current summary of risk assessment of the Hospital. Commissioner Braddock moved for a 20-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel, with all Commissioners, Attorney Gale, and Bryan Coffey present. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:40 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

ROAD PETITION: Reviewed the legal description of the proposed Road Petition. It was decided to have Mike Buxton, Director of Rural Operations, review the mile marker of the Railroad Crossing.

MICRO LOAN SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT: After review, Commissioner Simon signed the Micro Loan Semi-Annual Report.

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN: Discussed the Phase 3 proposal for the Lesser Prairie Chicken Coordination Response Program. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the proposed Coordination Plan of the Lesser Prairie Chicken Conservation, Management and Study Plan. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS: Commissioner Lewis will create an employee evaluation form for review.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$6,582.17. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Lewis gave an update from Southwest Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group regarding a rate change request from Linn Energy.

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 12:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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