

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting  
P.O. Box 1167  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
Meeting Place—Commissioner's Room  
Hamilton County Courthouse  
July 22, 2014  
8:30 a.m.

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

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

AGENDA: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the July 15, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, informed USD 494 approved \$5,000.00 toward the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Repayment Program, which increases the combined total of County, City, Hospital and USD 494 contribution to \$35,000.00 per year. The State informed that money can be used for this calendar year, which will also increase the matching funds from the State of Kansas. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept USD 494's contribution to the ROZ program. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Simon moved for a 20-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, the County Attorney, Bryan Coffey, Hamilton County Hospital Administrator and Jean Scriven, Hamilton County Hospital Director of Nursing 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 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Lewis moved for an additional 5-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, the County Attorney, Hamilton County Hospital Administrator and the Director of Nursing present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:01 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:06 a.m.

MIKE BUXTON: Mr. Buxton, Director of Rural Operations, discussed wage increases for his department. Commissioner Lewis suggested discussing this issue further and the goals of the Rural Operations Department at the August 19, 2014 Commissioner Meeting.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary presented a Request for Construction Project from Kansas Department of Transportation for approval. The County has been approved for \$60,000.00 for money towards new reflective signs in the County. Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Kansas Department of Transportation Request for Construction Project for the new reflective signs. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. All 2014 projects are complete.

EQUIPMENT USE REQUEST: The Hamilton County Fair Board submitted a “hold harmless agreement” to give Chuck Bezona permission to operate the Fair Board’s tractor and implements. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the hold harmless agreement to allow Chuck Bezona to operate the Fair Board’s tractor and implements during the time of the Fair July 22, 2014 to August 8, 2014. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL BOARD RESIGNATION: The County Clerk presented a letter of resignation she received from David L. Simon resigning from the Hamilton County Hospital Board effective July 22, 2014. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept Mr. Simon’s letter of resignation. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

AEROSOL SPRAYER: The City of Syracuse is purchasing a Grizzly Smart Flow ULV Sprayer to use around the City and County to help control bugs and asked if the County will pay \$5,150, which is for one-half of the total cost. Commissioner Lewis moved to pay \$5,150.00 for the sprayer. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

GREAT PLAINS DEVELOPMENT SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT: After review, Commissioner Simon moved to accept the Semi-Annual Report from Great Plains Development, Inc. as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$7,107.64. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Lewis gave an update on the SW Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group meeting that he attended. Commissioner Schwerdfeger informed she has reminded the KNRC that Hamilton County requested copies of their by-laws.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Braddock moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to attorney client privilege with the Commissioners and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:10 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m.

Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved for a 5-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners and the County Attorney. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:21 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:26 a.m.

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 10:27 a.m.

ATTEST:

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