

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner's Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
June 10, 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 Lewis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the June 3, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mike Buxton, Director of Rural Operations, discussed his concerns of a draw washing out part of County Road 27. Mr. Buxton will contact surrounding land owners and report back to the Commission.

DISTRICT COURT: Glenda Cheatum, Hamilton County District Court Clerk, discussed the cost of purchasing recorder software and presented an invoice from Voice Products, Inc. in the amount of \$6,013.00. Commissioner Lewis moved to authorize the District Court to purchase recorder software from Voice Products, Inc. in the amount of \$6,013.00. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, presented her monthly report to the Commission. She facilitated a phone conference between Great Plains Development and our school district regarding available grant money. She also presented her 2015 budget.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Kathy Acre-Knopp, Office Manager, Jamie Cheatum, Chairman of the Conservation District Board, and Ann Palmer Board Member, spoke with the Commissioners regarding their Board's request for a 2015 appropriation. Also, discussed the cost assistance programs available to Hamilton County residents.

BRYAN COFFEY: Mr. Coffey, Hamilton County Hospital Administrator, Kent Schwieterman, Janet Weis, Barbara Bay and Todd Traylor, Hospital Board Members, discussed the following:

- 1) Presented an article regarding the success of the telemedicine robot.
- 2) Presented the April 30, 2014 financials and statistic report.
- 3) The Hospital Board voted in May to purchase a C-Arm. The Board also voted to purchase a refurbished MRI building. Commissioner Lewis moved that Hamilton County and Hamilton County Hospital enter into a Lease Purchase Agreement with Valley State Bank to purchase a refurbished MRI building for a total price including interest in the amount of \$243,320.00. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.
- 4) Presented a master plan report from Health Facilities Group, a medical planning and architecture firm to remodel and add on to the existing hospital building. Also, discussed different financing options for the project.

GOLF COURSE: Tom Simpson, Tamarisk Golf Course Director, and Tim Kohart, Tamarisk Golf Course Board Member, presented year to date financials. Expenses such as water have increased this year. Commissioner Braddock moved to advance \$10,000.00 of appropriation money to Tamarisk Golf Course. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Simpson requested to add Humberto Meza as a full time employee with benefits. Commissioners approved the request, and reminded Mr. Simpson of the requirement of full time employees to live in Hamilton County.

HEATHER WHITLAW: Ms. Whitlaw, Field Supervisor, with the U.S. Fish and Game discussed via telephone the listing of the lesser prairie chicken as an endangered species. Any structure or landscape that was in place prior to May 12, 2014 does not have to be removed. Any change in structure or landscape done in the future, will need to be in compliance. Her staff is available to assist with these compliance issues. Attorney Gale asked if the County could submit a letter outlining the County's activities in the Lesser Prairie Chicken area for review. Ms. Whitlaw informed there is a restriction of operating county machinery from 3:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the critical areas outlined in purple on the online chat map provided. Discussed the concerns how listing the lesser prairie chicken as endangered impacts the County's economic development as in new oil and gas drilling, current oil and gas operators vacating the County, or farmers or ranchers building any new structures in the critical areas.

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

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

HEATING AND A/C MAINTENANCE: Reviewed the revised Bid Specification sheet for the County's heating and A/C units.

AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: Will be discussed at the June 17, 2014 meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Simon moved to reappoint Tony Englert to the Planning Commission for a three year term ending May 30, 2017. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$41,460.22. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Lewis moved for adjournment. Commissioner Simon seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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