

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting  
P.O. Box 1167  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room  
Hamilton County Courthouse  
June 11, 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 Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the June 4, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded. Motion passed with four "ayes" and one abstention.

DISTRICT COURT: Kurtis Jacobs, Court Administrator, and Glenda Cheatum, District Court Clerk, presented Hamilton County District Court's 2014 budget. Also, discussed the need to upgrade the digital recording equipment.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, presented the Economic Development's 2014 budget. Also presented the minutes of the June 4, 2013 Community Development Board meeting.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Judy Schwieterman, Health Department Manager, and Rani Jacobs, Hamilton County Health Nurse, presented the Health Department's 2014 budget.

RURAL FIRE: Ed Baker, Rural Fire Chief, discussed the following:

- 1) Presented his department's 2014 budget.
- 2) There is software available to receive pages for County/City fire calls and EMS calls through cell phone texts. There is a 30-day free trial of software available. The cost would be split between County Fire, City Fire and EMS.
- 3) The International fire truck is running hot and may be in need of a new larger radiator.
- 4) There are some problems with the frequency of the 800 MHz radios.
- 5) Mr. Baker asked for input regarding a burn ban and a firework ban.

FAIR BOARD: Deb Mitchell, Martha Royer, and Lori Lennen, Fair Board Members, presented the Fair's 2014 budget. Also presented informational packets regarding this year's fair. Discussed insurance/liability of vendors at the fair.

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 2014 appropriation.

RICHARD GARZA: Sheriff Garza, and Brenda Stucky, Sheriff Office employee, discussed the fire/smoke alarm inspection. The alarms in the air ducts are failing. The air duct alarms are mandatory by National Fire Alarm codes. The approximate cost to replace the air duct alarms is \$2,756.04. Commissioner Braddock moved to authorize the replacement of the air duct alarms at the Sheriff's Office, not to exceed \$2,800.00, to be paid from the capital outlay fund. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

**MATTHEW LAMPE:** Mr. Lampe discussed his concerns with Hamilton County participating in the Weather Modification Program, also known as “cloud seeding”. With the current drought situation, he feels the weather modification program hinders rain fall. It was decided to have the County Clerk advertise a County Poll to give the Hamilton County citizens the opportunity to voice their opinions on whether Hamilton County should continue funding the Weather Modification Program. The poll sheets will be available at the County Clerk’s office for signatures.

**LANDMARK APPRAISAL:** Terry Lawhon, Tom Fuhrman, and Greg Wellbrock of Landmark Appraisal, and Tom Scott, Hamilton County Appraiser, met with the Commissioners and discussed the County’s valuation. They also presented a new 2013-2014 Real Estate Contract for Appraisal Maintenance. After discussion, Commissioner Braddock moved that the Real Estate Contract for Appraisal Maintenance between Landmark Appraisal Inc. and Hamilton County in the amount of \$59,195.00 be approved. Commissioner Puckett seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

**KENNY SMITH:** Mr. Smith, Hamilton County EMS Director, discussed the following:

- 1) Presented his department’s 2014 budget.
- 2) Informed he will be teaching another EMT class.
- 3) He will check into working with a collection company to help with billing services and to collect unpaid balances.

**5 YEAR PLAN:** The 5-year plan was not reviewed.

**SUNFLOWER SQUARE COMMITTEE:** Bryan Coffey, interim Hamilton County Hospital Administrator and Barbara Bay, Hospital Board Member, informed the Commissioners the Hospital would like to keep managing the Sunflower Square. The Community Development Board had formed a temporary committee to research the different options for Sunflower Square. The Committee will hold off until they hear from the Hospital.

**CITY ON A HILL/SYAA FUNDING:** Commissioner Lewis moved to pay \$2,000.00 to the Syracuse Youth Activities Association and \$2,000.00 to City on a Hill, to be paid from the Special Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

**SYAA AUDIT COST:** Attorney Gale discussed the fees associated with auditing various County’s entities compared to just having an official review. Commissioner Lewis move to rescind the Motion made at the June 4, 2013 meeting to require an official audit of the Syracuse Youth Activities Association. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

**ROAD PETITION:** Commissioner Braddock moved to accept the Road Petition for a road extension of Road J south of Highway 50. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved

**HOSPITAL APPROPRIATION:** Hamilton County Hospital has requested their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter appropriation. Commissioner Puckett moved to approve to pay the Hospital their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter appropriation. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

**BURN/FIREWORK BAN:** This was discussed earlier with Rural Fire Chief Baker. Commissioner Braddock moved to re-impose Resolution No. 2006-6 a *Resolution Relating to the Prohibition of the Discharge of Fireworks in Hamilton County, Kansas*. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

**WARRANTS:** After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$42,678.08, less check no. 54826 in the amount of \$240.00 and check no 54859 in the amount of \$1,954.64. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

**COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Commissioner Lewis reported on his Kansas Emergency Medical Board meeting he attended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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 12:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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