

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner's Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
June 17, 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 Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the June 10, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the June 10, 2014 Special Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was approved with three "ayes" and two abstentions.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Discussed the draw that is washing out part of Road 27.

TREASURER, REGISTER OF DEEDS & CLERK: Chris Squire, County Treasurer, Vicki Valentine, Register of Deeds, and Angie Moser, County Clerk, presented their Department's 2015 budgets. The County Clerk also presented the Election, Commissioners, General, and Employee Benefits 2015 budgets.

HEALTH DEPT: Judy Schwieterman, Health Department Manager, and Rani Simon, Hamilton County Health Nurse, presented the Health Department's 2015 budget. Also, discussed having Harriet Englert fill in while Rani Simon is on maternity leave October – December of this year.

LANDMARK APPRAISAL: Terry Lawhon of Landmark Appraisal, and Tom Scott, Hamilton County Appraiser, met with the Commissioners and discussed the County's assessed valuation of oil & gas, real estate, and personal property. They also presented a new 2014-2015 Real Estate Contract for Appraisal Maintenance in the amount of \$59,195.00.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Eddie George, Historical Society Board Member, presented the Museum's 2015 budget. Some of windows needs replaced, which will help the cost of the utility bills. Also, the cost of the director's health insurance is added into the 2015 budget.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary, presented the 2015 budgets for the Road Department, Noxious Weed, Landfill, Wildlife Control, and Zoning. Also, as a Hamilton County Pool Board Member, Ms. Mitchell presented the 2015 Pool budget. Ms. Mitchell will provide more detail on 2013 and 2014 year to date expenses and report back to the Commission on June 24, 2014.

EXTENSION COUNCIL: Jeff Wilson, Hamilton County Extension Agent, Rusty Wharton and Butch Stucky, Extension Council Board Member, presented the Extension Office's 2015 budget. Mr. Wilson also informed he is resigning as Hamilton County Extension Agent effective August, 2014.

GOLF COURSE: Tim Kohart, Tamarisk Golf Course Board Member, and Tom Simpson, Golf Course Director, presented the 2015 golf course budget.

KENNY SMITH: Commissioner Lewis moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners, County Attorney, and Kenny Smith present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 10:35 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Lewis moved to authorize Kenny Smith to hire an EMS Certified Attendant. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Smith also presented the Ambulance Department's 2015 budget.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. Discussed the proposal presented by Bryan Coffey at last week's Commissioner Meeting for the Hospital remodel project.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. Working on the Kendall Grade.

HEATING AND A/C MAINTENANCE: Carla Patchett, Courthouse Custodian, is working on a list of all of the County's Heating and A/C units. This will be discussed further at the June 24, 2014 meeting.

AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: Commissioner Braddock reported there will be approximately 20 truckloads made by contractors, which will travel on the road to the County rock pit by the Airport. Commissioner Simon will discuss this with the surrounding land owner.

ABATEMENT: After review, Commissioner Simon moved to approve Abatement No. 130076. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$201,765.66. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger discussed the possibility of a black footed ferret release site in Colorado on the state line.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Braddock moved for adjournment. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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