

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner's Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
June 24, 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 June 17, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Discussed concerns about the small print of County publications. The County Clerk will contact the Syracuse Journal and ask for the publications to be printed a little larger to make them easier for the public to read.

LIBRARY: Joyce Armstrong, Hamilton County Library Director, presented the Library's 2015 budget. Also, she has hired Kent Book as the Children's Librarian.

RURAL FIRE: Ed Baker, Rural Fire Chief, presented his department's 2015 budget.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, presented changes to the Economic Development Incentive Policy to remove the specific makeup of the Board. Commissioner Braddock moved to accept the changes to the Economic Development Incentive Policy as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Also, Ms. Carlholm informed she discussed the school contributing to the ROZ (student loan repayment) program with Kenny Bridges, USD 494 Superintendent. Mr. Bridges informed Ms. Carlholm that he will speak with the School Board and report back to Ms. Carlholm. Commissioner Lewis will also discuss this further with Mr. Bridges. Ms. Carlholm also presented the hotel feasibility study for review.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary, and Mike Buxton, Director of Rural Operations, presented the 2015 budgets for the Road Department, Noxious Weed, Landfill, Wildlife Control, and Zoning. As a Hamilton County Pool Board Member, Ms. Mitchell presented the 2015 Pool budget. Mr. Buxton also discussed the following:

- 1) The current wages of the Road Department employees and starting wages for a new employee.
- 2) Concerns of farming being done in the county right-of-ways all the way up to the shoulders of the road.
This softens the shoulders of the road and increases the liability to the County.

STEVE PHILLIPS: Mr. Phillips, Airport Director and Emergency Management Director, presented his department's 2015 budgets. Mr. Phillips also discussed the following:

- 1) Informed that the required update to the Emergency Operations Plan is almost complete.
- 2) Hamilton County is next in line for Next-Gen 911 software at Sheriff's Office. This new software works from Web based data.
- 3) Mr. Phillips discussed with the City of Syracuse to increase the City's monetary contribution to the Airport and also to contribute to the taxi-way and run way projects.

BRYAN COFFEY: Mr. Coffey, Hamilton County Hospital Administrator, and Kent Schwieterman, Hamilton County Hospital Board President, presented a ten-year future revenue outlook for the Hospital that could generate funds required for a new remodeled facility. Also, Mr. Coffey discussed the ten-year financing that is available for the hospital remodel project with the Hospital generating enough money to make the payments. There will be a balloon payment due at the end of the ten years. Mr. Coffey informed refinancing of the balloon payment is available with the Hospital continuing to generate the money to pay the financing. Different funding options including a twenty-year financing with no balloon payment was also discussed.

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

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed.

HEATING AND A/C MAINTENANCE: Carla Patchett finished the list of all the County's heating and A/C units. The County Clerk will run an advertisement for bids. Bids will be due by August 29, 2014.

AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: Will be discussed at the July 1, 2014 meeting

LANDMARK CONTRACT: After discussion, Commissioner Simon 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 Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

KNRC: Commissioner Schwerdfeger discussed whether the County needs to continue with the KNRC on the lesser prairie chicken issue. No Action will be taken until KNRC produced by-laws.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$56,036.21. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger discussed the issue of the continuing decline of our water table.

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 12:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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