

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
June 4, 2013
8:30 a.m.

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

Commissioner Braddock called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with four 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 May 29, 2013 Special Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

CITY ON A HILL: Chris Lund, Executive Director of City on a Hill, explained the services his organization provides to Hamilton County and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

RURAL OPERATIONS BUDGETS: Mike Buxton, Rural Operations Director and Kerstin Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary presented proposed 2014 budgets for the Landfill, Noxious Weed, Road Department, and Wildlife Control. Ms. Mitchell also presented the 2014 budget for Zoning.

Commissioner Schwerdfeger left the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

SWIMMING POOL: Kerstin Mitchell, Swimming Pool Board Member, presented the pool's 2014 budget.

HOSPITAL BOARD: Janet Weis, Hamilton County Hospital Board Member, and Phyllis Horning, Hospital CFO, introduced Bryan Coffey as the new interim Hospital Administrator. Also informed the Commissioners they hired a new physician. Mr. Coffey discussed options of increasing health care through telnet medicine.

STEVE PHILLIPS: Mr. Phillips, Airport Manager and Emergency Management Director, presented his department's 2014 budgets. Also discussed the following:

- 1) Federal funding regarding the runway expansion project.
- 2) The Airport Board asked if the Commissioners wanted the Airport to proceed with replacing the hanger door. The Commissioner instructed the Airport Board to replace the hanger door.

Sheriff Richard Garza and Undersheriff Nick Krug stopped by the meeting to discuss the Sheriff's Department patrolling and responding to emergency calls in and around the Syracuse Sand Dune Park. The Department of Defense surplus property program has High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, commonly known as a Humvee, available for purchase. The Humvee would be more capable of patrolling any terrain inside the sand park. Through this program, law enforcement agencies are only required five percent of the acquisition cost. The Sheriff's Department's share would approximately range from \$1,952.60 to \$2,399.45. There is a possibility the City of Syracuse will pay for half of the vehicle. Commissioner Lewis moved to approve \$1,250.00 for the acquisition of a Humvee vehicle, to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Also, Sheriff Garza informed that the Fire Marshall is concerned about the smoke detector system in the air ducts at the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Garza will check into the costs of fixing or replacing the detector.

ED BAKER: Mr. Baker was unable to attend the meeting.

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

HOSPITAL FUNDING: The County Clerk advised no Petition of Protest for the No-Fund Warrants was filed. Gilmore and Bell, P.C. will have additional paperwork to be signed at the June 18, 2013 meeting.

SUNFLOWER SQUARE COMMITTEE: Discussed the possibility of the Community Development Board setting up a committee to discuss the County's options for Sunflower Square.

SYAA AUDIT: Kennedy & McKee has informed the County Clerk's Office that they are not performing an official audit of the SYAA's records. It was decided to have Kennedy & McKee perform an official audit beginning with year end of December 31, 2012.

ABATEMENT: After review, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve Abatement No. 120064. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$90,008.16. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Puckett discussed a pay raise for elected officials that had been previously discussed in 2007. Commissioner Lewis moved to increase the Hamilton County Elected Officials, minus the County Commissioners, \$4,000.00 per year, based on an annual basis. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Puckett also discussed prices of chemicals. It was decided to order Banvel. Also discussed cost sharing of Tordon.

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 10:48 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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