

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
March 11, 2014
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
John R. Simon, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
Michael W. 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 Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the March 4, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

CARLA PATCHETT: Ms. Patchett, Courthouse Custodian, discussed a snow blower for the Courthouse. The Commissioners suggested just hiring someone to help her when we have a heavy snow, and Ms. Patchett was fine with that. Also, Ms. Patchett discussed the drain problems at the Donohue Building. She thinks it's caused by tree roots. She will contact Bill Todd to have him look for the drainage problem.

KENNY SMITH: Mr. Smith, EMS Director, asked for an executive session. Commissioner Braddock moved for a 15-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with the Commissioners and Mr. Smith present. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 8:40 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 8:55 a.m. Commissioner Lewis will meet with Mr. Smith to discuss job descriptions and billing options and report back to the Commission.

Attorney Gale joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

RICHARD GARZA: Mr. Garza, Hamilton County Sheriff, informed the Commissioners that the Sheriff's Office has a hot water heater that needs replaced. He presented a quote from Tatro Plumbing for a new 75,000 BTU, 98 gallon hot water heater including installation in the amount of \$3,450.00. The Commissioners asked Sheriff Garza to get another quote for a smaller unit. Also, Commissioner Puckett discussed concerns with Sheriff Garza regarding his 2014 budget. Tatro Plumbing faxed another quote for a smaller 75 gallon hot water unit in the amount of \$2,950.00. Commissioner Lewis moved to accept the quote from Tatro Plumbing for a 75 gallon hot water heater in the amount of \$2,950.00, to be paid from Capital Outlay. Commissioner Puckett seconded and it was unanimously approved.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. All of the Road Projects listed will be removed, as they are on the Road Project List.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. The Commissioners discussed milling up Road B from ½ mile South of Road 18 to Road 25. Commissioner Simon discussed the issue of a fence 8 miles west on the River Road. Commissioners Simon, Braddock and Attorney Gale met with the tenant and they agreed that roughly 300-400 feet of his fence needs to be moved back from the Road. Commissioner Braddock moved to get a bid for the cost of moving a fence 8 miles west on the River Road. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

VIP VAN: Commissioner Simon will report on this at the March 18, 2014 meeting.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RE-APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Lewis moved to re-appoint John Ashmore to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a four year term ending March 31, 2018. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 2014-6 for Road Sign System: After review and discussion, Commissioner Simon moved to approved Resolution 2014-6 *Resolution pertaining to the Establishment of a Sign Assignment System for all Road Signs in Hamilton County, Kansas in order to comply with the requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

FEASIBILITY STUDY: Commissioner Lewis informed the City of Syracuse agreed to pay one-half of the cost for an up to date feasibility study for the need of a hotel. Commissioner Lewis moved to conduct a feasibility study for a hotel in the amount of \$6,500.00 with the City of Syracuse paying one-half of the cost. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was approved with four “ayes” and one “nay”.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$11,518.27. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger gave an update regarding the Lesser Prairie Chicken issue. Commissioner Simon gave an update on the Exxon Mobil lawsuit.

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 10:13 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Commissioner