

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
November 5, 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 with the addition of Rusty Wharton at 8:40 a.m. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the October 22, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

JANICE HAMMOND: Ms. Hammond, VIP Center Director, discussed purchasing the Van owned by KDOT. This would enable additional use of the van for nights and weekend trips. The current value of the van is \$9,721.00. If the Van is purchased by the County, the VIP Center would lose \$6,550.00 in KDOT grant funds. Discussed rather than losing KDOT funding, it was decided to have Ms. Hammond get bids to purchase another van that will be County owned.

RUSTY WHARTON: Discussed his concerns with the condition of the Road K. Mr. Wharton feels that in inclement weather, this Road is not passable for the school bus route for his employee's children.

DAVID STIMATZE: Mr. Stimatze, Syracuse City Fire Chief, asked the Commission if the County was willing to pay for half of the metal for the proposed training facility. Rural Fire Chief Ed Baker had informed the Commissioners he was not in favor of funding the training facility.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Braddock moved for a 15-minute executive session for matters pertaining to non-elected personnel with all Commissioners, Attorney Gale and Mike Buxton present. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 8:55 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:10 a.m.

KANSAS DEPT. OF COMMERCE: Carol Meyer and Aaron Cannon, Regional Project Managers with the Kansas Department of Commerce, discussed Hamilton County's participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program. Hamilton County currently has twelve participants, and one pending application.

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

ROAD PERMIT: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve Road Permit submitted by Pioneer Communications to place 12 fiber cable in the County's right of way of County Road 7. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT TO THE SW KANSAS REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL: Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to reappoint Steve Phillips as Hamilton County's representative to the SW Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

RAILROAD CROSSINGS: Commissioner Simon reported on the telephone conference held with land owners and BNSF Railroad.

MUSEUM ROOF REPAIR BILL: The County Clerk presented a bill from D.V. Douglass Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$395.00 for roof repairs to the Museum Building. Commissioner Braddock move to pay the repair bill in the amount \$395.00 from the general fund. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ADDITIONS AND ABATEMENTS: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve Additions and Abatements No. 130001 and 130002. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$95,778.65 and \$20,000.00. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Braddock moved to pay Nikki Schwerdfeger mileage to Goodland to attend the Lesser Prairie Chicken meeting. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger updated the Commission on the Lesser Prairie Chicken Coordination Response Program. Commissioner Lewis will set up a time to testify in Garden City Thursday, November 7, 2013 regarding the economic development impact of placing the lesser prairie chicken on the endangered species list. Commissioners Puckett, Lewis and Schwerdfeger discussed the various meetings they attended at the Annual KAC Meeting.

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 11:15 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Commissioner