

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
September 17, 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

Carol Roberts
KWCH Reporter

Commissioner Simon 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 Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett moved to approve the September 10, 2013 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

LESLIE CARLHOLM: Ms. Carlholm, Community Development Director, gave her monthly report as follows:

- 1) Discussed bringing together all of Hamilton County's taxing entities to discuss their projects and possible federal funding options with Great Plains Development, Inc.
- 2) Ms. Carlholm authorized sending the tourism brochure to print.
- 3) Started a county-wide housing assessment process.

KERSTIN MITCHELL: Ms. Mitchell, Rural Operations Secretary, informed the Commissioners she contacted Paula Thomas with BNSF Railroad, regarding the potential closing of railroad crossings in Hamilton County. Ms. Thomas informed that BNSF has no plans to close any additional crossings. Attorney Gale asked Ms. Mitchell to set up a conference call with BNSF and the affected land owners regarding the railroad crossing that was removed.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed. The Road Department is working on the Kendall Road. Also discussed repairs needed on Road K.

SW KANSAS AREA AGENCY ON AGING: After discussion, Commissioner Braddock moved to appoint Jean Bezona as an alternate Hamilton County Representative to the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging Board for a three year term ending September 30, 2016. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM DISCOUNT: The County Clerk presented a draft copy of a memo to employees regarding the premium discount program offered by the State of Kansas. If all employees would participate, the annual savings to the County would be approximately \$24,000.00 per year. It was suggested to set a couple dates to have the County Clerk's office assist the County Employee's in completing the premium discount program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Simon moved for a 15-minute executive session for matters pertaining to attorney-client privilege, with all Commissioners and Attorney Gale present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:30 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:45 a.m.

Attorney Gale informed the Commission he asked the District Judge to appoint a Special County Attorney for prosecuting the case involving Sheriff Richard Garza. Commissioner Lewis moved to authorize the expenditures for a Special Appointed County Attorney. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ROAD GRADER BIDS: One bid was received from The Hub for the Caterpillar 140H Road Grader. Commissioner Puckett moved to reject the bid. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

APPOINTED ROAD VIEWERS: Commissioner Braddock moved to appoint Ed Baker as a replacement for Mike Buxton as a "Road Viewer" for the scheduled road viewing being held today at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$28,285.42. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Schwerdfeger reported she contact the Company that printed the County wall maps regarding the "GPS" quality printing of the maps.

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 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Commissioner