

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioners Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
January 9, 2007
8:30 a.m.

Randall C. Braddock, Chairman
Dave Schwieterman, Vice-Chairman
Gano Schmidt, Commissioner
Keith Puckett, Commissioner
Rob Gale, County Attorney
Marcia Ashmore, County Clerk

Commissioner Braddock called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with four Commissioners present.

Commissioner Puckett moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Schmidt made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2006, Commissioners' Meeting as printed. Commissioner Puckett seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Braddock made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 3, 2007, Commissioners' Meeting as presented. Commissioner Puckett seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioners Schmidt and Braddock were then sworn into office by the Clerk.

Commissioner Schwieterman nominated Randy Braddock as Chairman for the 2007 year. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the nomination and Mr. Braddock was unanimously elected.

Commissioner Schwieterman nominated Keith Puckett as Vice-Chairman for the 2007 year. Commissioner Braddock seconded the nomination. Mr. Puckett was unanimously elected.

Delmar Hammond, County Road Supervisor, reported on the damages to equipment owned by the Road Department. The purchase of a plow truck from the State of Kansas was discussed. Commissioner Braddock moved that Mr. Hammond be authorized to spend up to \$15,000 on a snow removal truck from the State of Kansas. Commissioner Schmidt seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Hammond was also asked to contact the Lamar, Colorado City Superintendent regarding Lamar's use of snow blowers on their streets.

Steve Phillips, Emergency Management Director, explained to the Commissioners the emergency disaster proclamation and the aid it will generate for the County.

Don Paddock of Paddock Enterprises and Jeff Rollins reported on the progress of the swimming pool project.

Terry Lawhon, Jeanie Fraser, and Tom Fuhrmann of Landmark Appraisal reported on the audits being conducted on all Kansas Counties by the IRS. Due to these audits in other counties, it was thought best that Jeanie Fraser, the County Appraiser, be given \$400 a month from Hamilton County as a part-time employee. Landmark Appraisal's new contract for Appraisal of Gas and Oil Properties was also presented. Commissioner Braddock moved for approval of Landmark Appraisal's Contract for Appraisal of Gas and Oil Properties with Hamilton County for the year of 2007 at the cost of \$14,568.00. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Larry Ochs discussed a linked amateur radio system for the Southwest Kansas Emergency Communications Team (SKECT) and the need for a tower on which to put a repeater for this system. The Commissioners agreed that the SKECT team could place the repeater on the County's tower north of Syracuse.

Janet Weis, District Court Clerk, spoke with the Commissioners regarding the heat on the top floor of the Courthouse. She was advised that specifications for bids are being obtained and the new units should be in place soon.

After much discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved that the County employees be given a 2-1/2% cost of living raise for 2007. That Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Braddock then moved that all elected officials and all County employees not directly under control of a separate board be given a 3% cost of living raise. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded the Motion. It was approved with a vote of three ayes and Commissioner Puckett casting a nay vote.

Annual Resolutions were then reviewed. Commissioner Schmidt moved that Resolutions 2007-1 thru 2007-3 be approved. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Braddock moved that appropriation warrants in the amount of \$490,818.50 and regular warrants in the amount of \$135,325.51 be approved. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Schwieterman moved for adjournment. Commissioner Schmidt seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Commissioner