

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioners Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
February 6, 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

William Kryger, Sr.

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

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

Commissioner Schwieterman made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2007, Commissioners' Meeting as printed. Commissioner Schmidt seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Don Paddock of Paddock Construction reported on the progress of the swimming pool project.

Delmar Hammond, County Road Supervisor, gave his weekly report to the Commissioners. He discussed the need for a new motor grader for his Department. The Commissioners and Mr. Hammond also discussed the possibility of FEMA reimbursing the County for certain expenses associated with the snow removal from the New Years' snowstorm.

Scott Selee, Director of Southwest Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group, and Crae Barr met with the Commissioners in order to discuss Mr. Barr's request for a waiver regarding a septic system permit in a local floodplain west of Syracuse. Mr. Barr and Mr. Selee will be back to talk with the Commissioners after they have more specifications and plans.

Sheriff Mike Keating, Treasurer Chris Squire and Sharon Schmidt, office manager at the Sheriff's office, discussed recommendations from the auditors regarding the transferring of funds to the County's general funds. Sheriff Keating also discussed the purchase of a new vehicle for his department. He will be sending out bid specs to various dealerships in the area.

Mrs. Squire reported that, pursuant to the auditors' instructions, she would be transferring extra money in several funds to the County general fund.

Earl Willis reported on his trip to Manhattan to attend a meeting concerning money for transportation projects throughout the State.

Jim Grilliot passed out a copy of an article concerning "Prairie Dog Control May Benefit from Snow" to each of the Commissioners.

Steve Phillips gave his quarterly Emergency Management Report to the Commissioners. Commissioner Puckett moved that Mr. Phillips be designated as Hamilton County's Authorized Representative with Kansas Emergency Management Division for the purpose of obtaining Federal/State financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Fund. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved. Highlights of his report were the FEMA rulings; the fact that the Sheriff has been awarded approximately \$190,000 for the implementation of wireless enhanced 911 equipment and software; the status of our mitigation plan and a request from the National Weather Service in Dodge City to make sure that debris flowing down the Arkansas River does not affect their river gauges on the Syracuse and Coolidge bridges.

The Commissioners discussed the updated 5-year plan. It was decided to add the GIS Project to the 5-year plan.

The Clerk was instructed to contact the contractors in town and let them know that their bids for the replacement of the heating and air conditioning units on the roof of the Courthouse are to be delivered by 8:30 a.m. on February 20, with the bids to be opened on that date at 9:00 a.m.

The proposal from Kone Inc. for inspection tests on the two hydraulic elevators was reviewed. Commissioner Schwieterman moved that Kone, Inc.'s proposal for the annual inspection tests on the elevators at the Courthouse and the Donahue Building in the amount of \$560.00 for both be approved. Commissioner Schmidt seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

A letter from Kennedy McKee & Company LLP, CPA, was reviewed. Commissioner Schwieterman moved for approval of the January 25, 2007 letter from Kennedy McKee & Company LLP, CPA, which letter constitutes an addendum to the August 4, 2004 letter for services they are to provide to Hamilton County for annual audits and financial statements. Commissioner Schmidt seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved. This letter was needed for the payment of the audit of the Airport's federal grant monies.

Additions and abatements were discussed. Commissioner Schwieterman moved that Additions and Abatements 6000078 thru 6000080 be approved. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2007-4 was reviewed. Commissioner Braddock moved that Resolution No. 2007-4 – "A Resolution Urging the Federal and State Governments to Retain Drivers' License Renewals at the Local Level" – be approved. Commissioner Puckett seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Schwieterman moved that warrants in the amount of \$17,833.51 and \$100,831.44 be approved. Commissioner Schmidt seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Braddock moved for adjournment. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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Commissioner