

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioners Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
March 6, 2007
8:30 a.m.

Randall C. Braddock, Chairman
Dave Schwieterman, Vice-Chairman
Gano Schmidt, Commissioner
Keith Puckett, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, 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 printed. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Schwieterman made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2007, Commissioners' Meeting as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schwerdfeger joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Randy Hayzlett, Water Project Coordinator, Diane Coe, Kansas Water Office, Mark Rude, Groundwater District, and Steve Hines, discussed the formation of a work group to discuss issues relating to management of the Arkansas River flow. Commissioners Schwerdfeger and Schwieterman will be attending the work group meetings.

Delmar Hammond, Road Supervisor, along with Gene Schwarz of Foley Equipment Company, discussed the lease-purchase of a new motor grader for the Road Department. Commissioner Braddock moved that the County enter into a lease-purchase of a 2007 Caterpillar 140H-00 with Foley Equipment Company, for a term of seven years. The Dresser 850 motor grader will be used as a trade-in on this new Caterpillar, for a total trade difference of \$195,710, and a buyback of \$112,000. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved.

The Commissioners and Mr. Hammond also discussed the conditions of the County roads. Mr. Hammond reported that the FEMA representatives had informed him that they would be finalizing their findings this week.

Commissioner Schwerdfeger asked for a 5-minute executive session for the purpose of land acquisition matters, with the Commissioners, County Attorney, and Road Supervisor. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and the executive session began at 10:20 a.m. The regular meeting was joined at 10:25 a.m.

Mike Graham of Platinum Services requested the Commissioners' approval to present his company's GAP-type benefits to the County employees. Permission was given.

Commissioner Schmidt reported that he had toured the upper floor of the Donahue Building in order to ascertain whether or not putting in new windows would be feasible. The matter was discussed by all the Commissioners and it was decided that more information is needed.

The bids for replacement of the heating and air conditioning units on the roof of the Courthouse were discussed. Commissioner Puckett moved that Richardson Hardware's bid of \$14,000 be accepted, with a completion date of May 10, 2007. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Puckett moved to accept Rick Schmidt's resignation from the Tamarisk Golf Course Board. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

A letter from Patricia Kolb, CPA, of Kennedy McKee & Company, LLP, the County's auditors, was read by the Clerk. Commissioner Schwieterman moved that, pursuant to this letter which set out the availability of year 2006

budget authority funds, the sum of \$381,000 be transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved.

Annual Reports from Coolidge, Bear Creek and Kendall Townships were reviewed. Commissioner Schwieterman moved that the Annual Reports be approved as presented and be authorized for publication. Commissioner Puckett seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Abatement 600084 was examined. Commissioner Braddock moved that the Abatement 600084 in the amount of \$230.28 be approved. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Puckett moved that the warrants in the amount of \$199,661.96 be approved. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved.

Maintenance agreements for the care of the furnace and air conditioning units were discussed and it was unanimously decided not to enter into any such maintenance agreements.

Also discussed was the information received at the 5-County meeting in Elkhart on February 22, 2007, regarding the Interlocal Agreement between Stanton, Morton, Stevens and Grant counties for economic development. Also discussed was the need for economic development in Hamilton County. This was to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

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 12:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Commissioner