

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioners Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
August 7, 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 Schwieterman moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Braddock made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2007, Commissioners' Meeting as printed. Commissioner Puckett seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Delmar Hammond, County Road Supervisor, presented an Agreement for Kirkham Michael to assist the County in the design and inspection of 11.0 miles of 4" bituminous paving on Road 31. After discussion, Commissioner Schwieterman moved that the Agreement with Kirkham Michael for engineering services on Road 31 in an amount not to exceed \$78,000.00 be approved. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved. The Road Superintendent and the Commissioners discussed the mowing and spraying of road ditches and other work being done on the county roads.

Ed Hursyz, Hamilton County Hospital Administrator, discussed a memo he had sent to the Commissioners regarding the costs of a new radiology unit, renovation costs of the radiology room, and replacement costs of the air conditioning system for the hospital and ECF, all at an estimated cost of \$248,000.00. After discussion, Commissioner Puckett moved that the Hamilton County Hospital be advanced \$100,000.00 out of the County sales tax fund. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved.

Scott Selee of the S.W. KS Local Environmental Planning Group and Harmon Plunkett discussed Mr. Plunkett's need for a new sewer system at his home located in rural Hamilton County. Mr. Plunkett and Mr. Selee asked for a waiver from the Commission for this new sewer system to be installed according to Environmental Planning Group recommendations. Commissioner Schwieterman moved that this waiver be given to Mr. Plunkett. Commissioner Puckett seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Bud Redman asked the Commissioners to keep the swimming pool open until Labor Day, as he had been informed that the Commissioners had recommended that it be closed the 18th of August. The Commissioners discussed with Mr. Redman the fact that they had not declared that the pool be closed the middle of August, but had asked that the Swimming Pool and Fair Board look at the use of the pool versus the cost of keeping it open until Labor Day, using the Swimming Pool and Fair Board's discretion in whether to keep it open or not.

Commissioner Schwieterman will be reporting on the progress of the Museum building renovations at the next meeting.

There has been no communication from Mr. Schmidt regarding the salvage yard.

It was decided to wait until later in 2007 to address the covering of the Donohue Building windows.

Commissioner Puckett moved that warrants in the amount of \$53,174.67 be approved. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Commissioners discussed the proposed 2008 Hamilton County budget.

The County Attorney asked an for executive session with the Commissioners. Commissioner Puckett moved that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session for a 10-minute period, coming out at 10:10 a.m. in order to discuss attorney-client matters. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved.

Delmar Hammond asked an executive session with the Commissioners and County Attorney. Commissioner Braddock moved for a 20-minute executive session in order to discuss issues regarding non-elected personnel. Commissioner Puckett seconded and the meeting adjourned to executive session. The regular meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Schwieterman moved for adjournment. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Commissioner