

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioners Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
August 14, 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
Jeff Wilson
Brock Martin

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

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

Commissioner Schmidt made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2007, Commissioners' Meeting as printed. Commissioner Braddock seconded. After discussion regarding a correction to the Minutes, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved that the Minutes of the August 7, 2007 meeting be amended with the correction of wording in paragraph 5. Commissioner Puckett seconded. The Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Braddock then called for a vote on the first Motion with the Minutes being accepted as amended. The Motion passed with a vote of four "ayes" and one abstention.

Janet Thomeczek, Hamilton County Health Nurse, asked the Commissioners for their advice on hiring a new Healthy Start Program worker. Ms. Thomeczek was advised to advertise this position for one week and then proceed with the hiring of a Healthy Start Program worker.

Delmar Hammond, County Road Supervisor, discussed costs of repairs on Road 31, repairs to the main airport road, and the mowing of the County ditches.

Jeanie Gee-Fraser, County Appraiser, talked with the Commissioners, voicing her concerns regarding the moisture buildup and ventilation in the window wells of the Courthouse.

Janet Weis, District Court Clerk, discussed the purchase of new chairs for the jury room on the top floor of the Courthouse. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved that Ms. Weis be permitted to purchase 14 new chairs for the jury room and give the old chairs to the Hamilton County Museum. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the Motion was approved unanimously.

Garrie Munk of the Swimming Pool and Fair Board, discussed that Board's 2008 budget and needed repairs and replacements at the fairgrounds.

An estimate from Steam Action Restoration was reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved that the estimate from Steam Action Restoration for mold remediation at the health building be approved, in an amount not to exceed \$21,554.00, with Commissioners Schwieterman and Schmidt to supervise the project. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Braddock opened the budget hearing at 10:00 a.m. As no public concerns were heard, the hearing was closed at 10:05 a.m.

After discussion, Commissioner Braddock moved that the Hamilton County 2008 Budget, as published, be approved. Commissioner Puckett seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Jim Kennedy of Kennedy McKee & Company, LLP, discussed Hamilton County's 12/31/06 Financial Statement and Audit Reports with the Commissioners.

Mr. Kennedy also presented a new contract to the Commissioners. Commissioner Braddock moved that the County enter into a three-year contract with Kennedy McKee & Company, LLP for that firm's accounting services. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

The temperature in the computer room was discussed.

Commissioner Schwieterman informed the Commissioners that the Economic Development Committee had interviewed a potential candidate for the Economic Development Director position. After discussion, Commissioner Schmidt moved that John Kennedy, the interviewee, be offered a salary of \$35,000 plus benefits as a County employee, for the position of Hamilton County Economic Development Director. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved.

The Commissioners discussed options for enforcement of zoning regulations regarding the salvage yard at the west side of Syracuse.

Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved that the Commission accept the recommendations of the Syracuse Youth Activities Board of Directors and appoint Casey Finlay as a new member of that Board. Commissioner Puckett seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Puckett moved that warrants in the amount of \$208,805.70 be approved. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

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 11:20 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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