

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place—Commissioners Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
September 4, 2007
8:30 a.m.

Randall C. Braddock, Chairman
Gano Schmidt, Commissioner
Keith Puckett, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, 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 Schmidt moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Braddock made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2007, Commissioners' Meeting as printed. Commissioner Puckett seconded.

John Kennedy, the new Hamilton County Economic Development Director, introduced himself to the Commissioners and reported that he was getting settled in his new office at 106 E. Avenue B.

Delmar Hammond, County Road Supervisor, reported on equipment repairs and gave his weekly report to the Commissioners.

Keen Brantley discussed the Wheatland Electric Grant Program for the Hamilton County Hospital's purchase of a CT scanner and related equipment. Commissioner Schmidt moved that Hamilton County enter into a Loan Agreement in the amount of \$275,000 and sign a Promissory Note in the amount of \$175,000 for money received, interest free, with Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc. Said funds to be used for the purchase of a CT scanner and related equipment for the Hamilton County Hospital. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved.

A Construction Contract was presented to the Commissioners for their approval. After discussion, Commissioner Schmidt moved that the County enter into a Construction Contract with Dikeman Construction, for the construction of home at the Hamilton County Airport grounds, with approval of the Airport Board, in the amount of \$110,597.00. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Steve Phillip discussed a 911 grant application he was in the process of completing for the purchase of equipment for the 911 program at the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Puckett made the Motion directing Commissioner Braddock to sign a letter in support of the 911 grant application. This letter would accompany the application. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded and the Motion was approved unanimously.

The 5-year Plan was not discussed.

County Attorney Gale reported that Mike Schmidt will be on the Agenda for the September 11, 2007 meeting to discuss the salvage yard matter.

Resolution No. 2007-5, "A Resolution Supporting Substantial Improvements to U.S. Highway 50", was discussed. Commissioner Puckett moved for approval of this Resolution. Commissioner Braddock seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

A letter from an attorney representing Matthew Gray and asking for reimbursement of funds used to repair Mr. Gray's vehicle allegedly damaged in an accident on Hamilton County roads in June was discussed. The County Attorney has responded to the letter.

The closing of the Courthouse on October 9, 2007, so that County employees could attend the Southwest Kansas Association of Counties' meeting was discussed and will be decided at a later meeting.

County Attorney Gale discussed a settlement agreement with the Commissioners. Commissioner Schmidt moved to approve a Settlement Agreement and Release with Nancy Fraser. Jeanie Fraser, County Appraiser, will sign the Agreement on the County's behalf. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved that warrants in the amount of \$52,565.04 be approved. Commissioner Schmidt seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

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

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

Commissioner

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Commissioner