

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting  
P.O. Box 1167  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
Meeting Place—Commissioners Room  
Hamilton County Courthouse  
September 11, 2007  
8:30 a.m.

Randall C. Braddock, Chairman  
Dave Schwieterman, Vice-Chairman  
Keith Puckett, Commissioner  
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner  
Gano Schmidt, Commissioner  
Rob Gale, County Attorney  
Angie Moser, Deputy Clerk

John Kennedy  
Bill Kryger

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

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

Commissioner Braddock made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 4, 2007, Commissioners' Meeting with the correction of Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconding the adjournment. Commissioner Schmidt seconded and the Motion passed with four "ayes" and one abstention.

Delmar Hammond, County Road Supervisor, reported the 1995 Truck needs a new engine. Various options were discussed and the Commissioners asked Mr. Hammond to check into the salvage value of the truck. The repairs done to Road 31 were discussed. Mr. Hammond also reported on the progress of the road shoulder work. Attorney Gale asked Mr. Hammond if it would be possible for the Road Department to assist in tearing down old buildings in the County, with the owner's permission. Mr. Hammond agreed if the Road Department had the time, they could assist with this.

Richard Everett, Southwest Kansas Emergency Communication Team, thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to put the amateur radio repeater on the County's tower North of Syracuse. He also informed that he removed all of the old antennas and equipment, fixed the generator and mowed around the tower.

Faye Trent, Great Plains Development, presented a micro-loan application for the Commissioners review. Commissioner Schmidt moved to approve the micro-loan application in the amount of \$10,000 for Anderson Family Chiropractic. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Ms. Trent also inquired as to holding a telephone conference for future micro-loan applications, which the Commissioners agreed to.

The 5-year plan was discussed. Commissioner Schwieterman informed that the Museum Board is in the process of getting bids for replacing the heating and AC unit in the Museum Building. Attorney Gale informed of the progress of obtaining land for swimming pool parking.

It was decided not to close the Courthouse for the Southwest Kansas Association of Counties Meeting to be held in Meade on October 9, 2007.

A Notice of Annual Meeting from KWORCC was reviewed. After discussion, Commissioner Braddock moved that Commissioner Schwerdfeger be appointed as the County's voting delegate at the 2007 KWORCC Annual Meeting with Commissioner Puckett as alternate delegate. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

A monthly expense allowance for John Kennedy, Economic Development Director, was discussed. Attorney Gale will research the tax laws for allowances and report back to the Commissioners. Various office equipment and furniture needed for the Economic Development Director's office was also discussed. Office furniture will be purchased for the Director's office, not to exceed \$2,000.00. It was also decided Mr. Kennedy will assist with the County's Zoning.

After discussion, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved that Commissioner Braddock be appointed the County's voting delegate at the 2007 Kansas Association of Counties Annual Conference with Commissioner Puckett as 1<sup>st</sup> alternate and Commissioner Schwerdfeger as 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

The cost of a Clearance Test for work performed by Steam Action Restoration at the Health Department Building was discussed. Commissioner Puckett moved to postpone the Clearance Test pending further communication with Steam Action as to whether the problem has been corrected and will not reoccur. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Schwieterman will contact Steam Action.

The CT Scanner Project at Hamilton County Hospital was discussed. Attorney Gale informed bond issuance is required. Commissioner Braddock moved to approve a contract with Gilmore & Bell, P.C. in the amount of \$2,850.00 plus publication costs for bond issuance for the Hospital CT Project. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2007-6 was reviewed. Commissioner Schwieterman moved that Resolution 2007-6 – "A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Construction of Improvements to Hamilton County Hospital, a Public Building in Hamilton County, Kansas; and Providing for the Payment of the Costs Thereof" be approved. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

After discussion, Commissioner Schmidt moved to rescind the Motion 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. for funds to be used for the purchase of a CT scanner and related equipment for the Hamilton County Hospital. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved that the warrants in the amount of \$31,020.33 be approved. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the Motion and it 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 10:45 a.m.

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