

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting  
P.O. Box 1167  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
Meeting Place—Commissioners Room  
Hamilton County Courthouse  
October 25, 2007  
8:30 a.m.

Randall C. Braddock, Chairman  
Dave Schwieterman, Vice-Chairman  
Gano Schmidt, Commissioner  
Keith Puckett, Commissioner  
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner  
Marcia Ashmore, County Clerk

John Kennedy

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

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

After discussion, it was decided to strike "full time" from paragraph 5 of the presented Minutes. Commissioner Schmidt made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2007, Commissioners' Meeting, with this amendment. Commissioner Puckett seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Delmar Hammond, County Road Supervisor, gave his weekly report to the Commissioners. The purchase of the leased tractors from Golden Rule, Inc. was discussed. Commissioner Braddock moved that the County enter into a pending contract with Golden Rule, Inc. for the purchase of the two John Deere 8130 tractors on a five-year contract at 5.25% interest. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Hammond also reported that the engine on the old screen at the County's gravel pit had quit and a new one had been ordered from John Deere.

Sheriff Mike Keating reported on excess equipment in his department and training that his staff will be receiving before the end of the year. He also informed the Commissioners that he would be ordering new street signs for the city of Coolidge, to be paid for with funds from the 911 fund account.

Commissioner Schwerdfeger, Clerk Ashmore, and Economic Development Director John Kennedy reported on the "Basics of County Zoning and Planning" workshop they had attended at McPherson on October 18, 2007. The need for a comprehensive plan and enforcement of zoning rules were discussed.

A bid from Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the purchase of Hamilton County, Kansas General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$275,000 for hospital improvements was reviewed. Commissioner Puckett moved that said bid be accepted and that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorized to execute bid form selling the Bonds to the best bidder on the basis of said bid and the terms specified in the Notice of Bond Sale. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Braddock. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2007-8 authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery of \$275,000 principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007, was read. Commissioner Schwieterman moved that said Resolution be adopted. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and unanimously approved.

Under the 5-year plan, the roof at the Donahue Building and the County's lack of a cell-phone policy were discussed. It was decided that the roof at the Donahue Building would be addressed in the spring of 2008, along with the closing of the windows on the top floor of this building.

Commissioner Schwieterman moved that the County reject the Water Right Conservations Program Contracts as presented in the Kansas Department of Agriculture's letter of September 18, 2007, and that the County pay to have the well brought up to the specifications of the Division of Water Resources. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Schwerdfeger asked for a 10-minute executive session in order to discuss matters relating to non-elected personnel. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and the meeting went into executive session at 10:23 a.m., coming out of 10:33 a.m.

Commissioner Schmidt moved that warrants in the amount of \$66,018.26 be approved. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Schwieterman moved for adjournment. Commissioner Puckett seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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