

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

Randall C. Braddock, Chairman
Keith Puckett, Vice-Chairman
Gano Schmidt, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, County Attorney
Marcia J. Ashmore, County Clerk

John Kennedy
Richard Garza
Marsha Garza
Sharon Schmidt

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

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

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 27, 2007, Commissioners' Meeting as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

SHERIFF: Sheriff Mike Keating submitted a copy of his Resignation effective December 31, 2007, to the Commissioners. The Republican Committee was to be advised of this resignation.

STEVE PHILLIPS: Steve Phillips, Hamilton County's Emergency Management Director, presented a License Agreement for the Commissioners' approval. Commissioner Braddock moved that the County enter into a License Agreement with Contact One, Inc. for the software program needed by the E-911 equipment at the Law Enforcement Office. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ROAD SUPERVISOR: Delmar Hammond, County Road Supervisor, gave his weekly report to the Commissioners as follows:

--Asked Commissioners' permission to purchase stabilization powder to be mixed with dirt on the Syracuse Feedlot road. Commissioners agreed.

--Discussed the road running east and west in front of Fred Housholder's resident in Coolidge. He is to look at putting in ditches to take any water away from Mr. Housholder's front yard.

--Discussed the walk-n-roll attachment for motor graders. Mr. Hammond was to inquire of Stanton County regarding a possible loan to us of their attachment.

--Reported that some of the County road crew asked for the use of the County's track hoe on weekends for work needing to be done at the City's Sand Park pond. Commissioners ok'd the use of the track hoe as long as it is a County employee running the machinery.

--Reported that work on the road going through Kendall had begun.

--Disposal of computers in the landfill was discussed.

--John Heim is a new Road Department employee, beginning work for the County on December 3, 2007.

ED BAKER-RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT: Ed Baker, Rural Fire Chief, discussed:

--His search for a different fire truck for his Department.

--Need for a new building and location for Coolidge City fire station.

--The purchase of equipment for the updating of fire trucks.

--The Department's repeater had been installed on the Wheatland tower north of Syracuse.

5-YEAR PLAN: Vicki Valentine, Museum Board Treasurer, reported that work was progressing on the heating and air conditioning system at the Museum Building.

Also discussed was the resignation of Betty Mayers as Museum Director, effective January 1, 2008.

ABATEMENTS & ADDITIONS: Commissioner Braddock made the Motion approving Abatements and Additions Nos. 7000015 thru 7000017. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved.

COUNTY WEBSITE: This item was continued until the next Commissioners' meeting.

ECONOMIC DIRECTOR'S ATTENDANCE AT TULARE DAIRY DAYS: This matter was continued until the next Commissioners' meeting.

RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION FOR NOXIOUS WEED DIRECTOR: Commissioner Schmidt made a Motion extending the residential exemption for the Noxious Weed Director until June 1, 2008. Commissioner Braddock seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION REVOLVING LOAN FUND: After discussion and review, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved that Resolution No. 2007-9 – A Resolution authorizing the execution of a Loan Agreement between Hamilton County, Kansas, and the State of Kansas, acting by and through the Kansas Department of Transportation for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the Kansas Transportation Revolving Fund to finance a qualified transportation project; establishing a dedicated source of revenue for repayment of such loan; authorizing and approving certain documents in connection therewith; and authorizing certain other actions in connection with the Loan Agreement – be approved and the documents associated with this Resolution be signed. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved.

Hamilton County Treasurer Chris Squire, Clerk Marcia Ashmore, and Register of Deeds Vicki Valentine met with the Commissioners in order to discuss an increase in their salaries. This matter was continued until the next Commissioners' meeting.

Don Paddock of Paddock Enterprises stopped by the meeting and informed the Commissioners he would be inspecting the swimming pool for winter.

WARRANTS: Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved that warrants in the amount of \$48,896.73 be approved. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved for a 5-minute executive session in order to discuss matters relating to non-elected personnel. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 11:15 a.m., returning to regular session at 11:20 a.m.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Schmidt moved for adjournment. Commissioner Puckett seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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Commissioner