

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

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

John Kennedy

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

AGENDA: Commissioner Puckett moved to adopt the Agenda as printed, with the addition of John Kennedy under "Business". Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Puckett made the Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2007, Commissioners' Meeting as presented, with one correction. Commissioner Schmidt seconded. The Motion passed with three ayes and one abstention.

COLONEL LASTER: Colonel Laster, editor of *Syracuse Journal*, asked if the Commissioners would be interested in sponsoring a Christmas card from the Commissioners in his newspaper. It was decided that the Commissioners could do this on an individual basis, if they wish.

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

- Presented a copy of a billing to the City of Coolidge for the County's work on that City's streets.
- Presented a summary of cost of spraying and work done on County ditches.
- Discussed coordination of work between Road Department and Noxious Deed Department and the need for one supervisor for those two departments and the landfill.
- Discussed FEMA money.
- Presented a list of machinery and equipment needed for Road Department in the coming year.
- Discussed the cost of a one-time pay and wage increases for employees
- Advised that bids will be "let" for the paving of Road 31 the first of next year by Kirkham Michael, the County's engineering group.
- Advised that work was progressing on Premier Feedlot road.
- Discussed the report of a broken windshield from a County citizen after a County truck passed her. As the rock did not come from any gravel being hauled by the truck, but from the road, this was not considered a liability issue on the part of the County or its insurance carrier.

DICK BEESLEY – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Was not able to attend due to the weather.

STEVE PHILLIPS – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR: Presented a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Planning Application to the Commissioners for signature. Commissioner Puckett moved that the Chairman sign the Application for FEMA funds in the amount of \$28,762.00. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

5-YEAR PLAN: The implementation of a cell-phone policy was discussed. The County road signs are going to be replaced as needed in order to meet the 2012 deadline for new ones.

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

ECONOMIC DIRECTOR'S ATTENDANCE AT TULARE DAIRY DAYS: Commissioner Schmidt moved that John Kennedy, the County's Economic Development Director, attend the Tulare Dairy Days in Bakersfield, California in 2008. Commissioner Schwieterman seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

**SALARY RAISES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS:** Commissioner Braddock made a Motion raising the salaries of the County Treasurer, County Clerk and Register of Deeds by \$4,000.00 each, effective January 1, 2008. Commissioner Puckett seconded and the Motion was unanimously approved.

**COUNTY EMPLOYEES' END OF YEAR RAISES:** After discussion, Commissioner Schwieterman moved that all non-elected full-time employees of the county that have worked five years and over, except for those governed by their own Board, be given \$25 for each year worked, and all those who have worked at least one year but less than five years be given the sum of \$25. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion. It was unanimously approved.

John Kennedy, Economic Development Director, presented a proposed Resolution to the Commissioners. Commissioner Schwieterman moved that Resolution No. 2007-10 – “Resolution in Support of a Balanced Energy Policy for Kansans Including the Development of Renewable Energy Resources and the Use of Fossil Fuels” be approved. Commissioner Braddock seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

**WARRANTS:** Commissioner Schwieterman moved that warrants in the amount of \$37,280.69 be approved. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Clerk reminded the Commissioners that in 2002, Eldon McDaneld asked for and received a reprieve from the trash dumpster billing, due to the fact that he was only in the County approximately two months out of the year. It was decided that since Mr. McDaneld is now living in the County full time, he should be billed on a monthly billing basis for his trash dumpster.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Schwieterman moved for adjournment. Commissioner Schmidt seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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