

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 19, 2013

Jack Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday February 19, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioners Goff Searl and Danny Williams were present as was County Counselor Larry King. County Clerk Janice A. Fine was also present. Mr. Tim Nordell was an observer. Danny Williams gave prayer.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor gave his weekly work report. KWORK scrap pile issue complete and requesting signature to return their completed document to them.

Danny Williams received complaints that kids are using 4 wheelers at Heritage Rd just south of Economy. Commission requests Joel take a look at the road and they will mention it to the Sheriff as well.

Rock was hauled at Kansas and Rd 31, ½ mile west. Rock was also hauled 1 mile south of Independence shortcut and Rd 31 across the bridge. Discussed continued work at the Landfill Rd which is Rd 29 and Indian Road, 1 mi west. The weather slowed them down but the pipe is set.

Road and Bridge staff burned brush piles.

Road and Bridge staff went to Wichita to pick up the Solid Waste truck that was taken to Wichita for repair diagnosis.

Joel talked with Richard Ritter regarding the entrance at Valley Rd and Rd 31. Dallas Hartley thinks he can fix it with the road grader.

Discussed the directional boring at Cedar Vale at Rick Cooper's land and they need water for fracking. They will lay pipe to the nearest pond. The water line will go through the road easement for 1 mile, on the west side. They will only pump water during the day and the expected timeline is five days. When the water line is in the road there will be signage and a flagman as well. It will not impede travel on the road. We want them to make contact with land owners before placing the temporary water line. Joel will identify landowner names. Commission doesn't have any issues with this process.

Joel asked Larry to review a Road Performance Agreement with Enbridge Energy Company. Prescriptive Agreement is for public and private. Map was given showing area for work at Cowboy and Bronco Rd. They want to put up a bond. Joel suggests a performance bond in the amount of \$50,000.00. There is a bridge in that area with a weight maximum of 80,000 and this isn't addressed in the

contract. Wording needs to include roadway and bridges in the contract. Larry King suggested that if a survey is completed by any company that the county needs to receive a copy. Danny Williams made a motion to have Enbridge provide a \$50,000.00 bond. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners briefly discussed roads around the county that the Commission is asking Joel to take a look at.

Joel discussed roadways that trees will be removed in the Niotaze area.

Commission discussed with Joel Haden the letter commission received from Emert, Chubb & Gettler, LLC regarding two parties working out a land lock issue. The letter requests no intervention by County Commissioners.

Commission asked that Joel Haden please review and install a hand rail for the new steps walking up to the west public entrance to the New Jail.

Joel asked for commissioner's consideration for Road and Bridge staff to be given a raise. Commissioners suggest we wait until May to review our budgets and make a determination at that time. The county's contribution costs for employee health insurance continues to be a burden for the county.

Mr. Nordell brought a copy of the email sent from Sedgwick County Commissioners regarding Senate Bill #160 – Health Department Accrediation. Danny Williams made a motion to send an email to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Danny Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of February 12, 2013 as prepared. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners received and reviewed a list of current tax foreclosure sale properties.

Commissioners briefly discussed the article in the Prairie Star newspaper regarding 2013 official newspaper appointment. Commissioners reviewed costs for publishing and publishing deadlines and found the Cedar Vale Lookout better meets our requirements.

Sheriff Perry Russell and Nick Reed Undersheriff met with commissioners. Commissioners discussed the 4 wheeler activity on Heritage Road. Sheriff's office was called out last weekend and made contact with the individuals. They were informed that tickets would be issued from here forward.

The Jail still has five inmates from Montgomery County and we expect more to be housed soon.

Sheriff wanted to discuss uniform allowance that is normally paid. The 2012 reimbursement was not made because of funding issues. His request is to pay that reimbursement now. The Clerk's Office needs a list of individuals who qualify for

this reimbursement before they can proceed. Sheriff's Office will provide employee names. Commissioners asked if there was a distinction between part time and full time for the uniform allowance and the Sheriff indicated there was not. The minimum amount was set in 1969 at \$10.00 per month. Officers usually maintain their own uniforms in regard to cleaning etc. Officers provide their own boots, belts, cuffs etc. Commission will review increased funds request for the uniform allowance for 2013 in November.

Commissioners received concerns regarding inmates paying for room and board before being released. Sheriff denies that there are charges for those costs. Inmates regularly have to pay for ua's before they can be released.

Nick Reed, Undersheriff requested holding paper paychecks in the clerk's office for pick up by department heads. Clerk will talk with all departments involved before changing the current process.

Consensus of the board is the rate of pay for Deputy County Clerk is \$12.45 per hr.

Commissioners reviewed Mid-Month Totals for Warrant Funds. They were approved as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 46,301.50
Appraiser	\$ 1,651.23
Council on Aging	\$ 20,982.50
Fire District #8	\$ 4,883.50
Fire District #5	\$ 2,965.75
Election	\$ 622.42
Fire District #1	\$ 15,483.00
Fire District #2	\$ 14,081.00
Fire District #3	\$ 6,187.37
Impounded Tax (Fire Dist #3)	\$ 2,449.13
Fire District #4	\$ 15,149.00
Fire District #6	\$ 1,977.00
Health	\$ 1,637.69
Mental Health	\$ 15,000.00
Mental Retardation	\$ 10,000.00
Noxious Weed	\$ 216.35
Road & Bridge	\$ 47,954.98
Juvenile Detention	\$ 1,305.00
Solid Waste	\$ 6,014.32
County 911	\$ 1,042.65
<u>Attorney's Diversion Fund</u>	<u>\$ 1,010.00</u>
Total All Funds	\$216,914.39

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn the commission meeting at 11:50 a.m. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Danny D. Williams, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner, Chairman

ATTEST:

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk