

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 16, 2015

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioner Jack Carpenter and Danny Williams were present as was County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler and County Clerk Janice A. Fine. Danny Williams opened the meeting with prayer.

Minute's approval: Danny Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2015 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) request for interview from the Independence Reporter. 2) Personal update.

Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator joined the meeting to ask commissioners for their signature on a grant renewal application. Chairman signed the grant application.

Jim Duncan joined the meeting as requested by commissioners. Jack Carpenter requested an executive session for 15 minutes at 8:48 a.m. to discuss non elected personnel. Jim Duncan, Noxious Weed was asked to attend the executive session. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:03 a.m. No action taken as a result of the executive session.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to discuss department business. Wade discussed benefits offered to employees regarding the 457 plan. There was discussion of other 457 options the county can participate in. Evaluations were provided for employees where probation will be completed. Wade notified commissioners that an employee has terminated and that department will not replace that individual which is a cost savings to the county. Wade provided to commissioners the only internal application for solid waste clerk position to be vacated as Sherry Johnson will retire. Chairman asked that there be discussion regarding all options to save the county funds before any decision is made. Spending was discussed.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head joined the meeting to discuss department business. Kline provided her department monthly report. There was discussion on delinquent solid waste bills. The setoff program was discussed. Kline talked with commissioners regarding the one application she received. Kline believes the applicant is qualified and will do a good job. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes at 10:08 a.m. to include Kline, Wade and Amy Goode to discuss non-elected personnel. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:18 a.m. As a result of the executive session the commissioners and Kline hired Amy Goode to fill the open part time position in Solid Waste. Goode will remain part time in the Clerk's Office as well as part time in Solid Waste.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the Warrants Payable expenses for Mid-Month expenditures as follows:

FUND	TOTAL
General Fund	\$7,861.07
Election	\$81.25
Appraiser	\$3,099.82
Employee Benefit	\$250.00
Health	\$1,473.30
Noxious Weed	\$195.48
Road & Bridge	\$13,388.40
Special Rock	\$14,125.69
Solid Waste	\$4,295.32
County 911	\$747.06
Road Damage Deposit Fund	\$2,494.80
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$48,012.19

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to provide commissioners with employee travel requests. Danny Williams made a motion to approve travel requests. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Danny D. Williams, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk