

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 29, 2013

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Friday, March 29, 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 and County Clerk Janice A. Fine. Danny Williams gave prayer. Walt Wigton joined the meeting as an observer.

Jennifer McNown met with commissioner to provide bids for the bridge inspections. Bid requests were sent to five firms with three responses. 115 bridges are planned to be inspected. Danny Williams made a motion to accept the bid from CFS Engineers at a total cost of \$7,475.00. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners signed the contract.

Commissioner Goff Searl motioned to approve the minutes of March 19, 2013. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Goff Searl stated he heard on the radio that the Supreme Court made a ruling that a K-9 could not search private property without a search warrant. County Counselor, Larry King, stated this new ruling makes sense.

County Counselor met with Commissioners at 8:53 a.m. regarding a Tax Sale issue (Fairness issue). Snyder and Burns made every effort to pay all back taxes. Molly Crossland owes the tax since the tax goes with the property. However, Clerical Errors allows commissioners to abate interest on taxes owing. The County made the mistake and the County Counselor recommends that the county pay the taxes. Commissioners should abate the interest and penalties and the County Counselor will dismiss it from the lawsuit which clears the fees. Danny Williams made a motion to abate the interest and pay the 2006 taxes owing. Jack Carpenter seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Crystal Wade joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m. to discuss the pay plan development. Crystal provided several options for development, discussion and review. Commission gave approval for Crystal to submit to department heads the recommended pay plan for department head input. Crystal will bring information from the department head meeting to commissioners on April 11, 2013.

CMB License for Rancho la Alameda in Peru, KS was presented for approval and signature. Commissioner Danny Williams made a motion to approve the CMB License. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Goff Searl shared information from the District meeting in Fort Scott, KS on March 21, 2013. The Commission group discussed house bills and how they could affect all district counties.

Sheriff Perry Russell sent a letter to commissioners asking to increase the fees for urinalysis testing. Danny Williams made a motion to amend resolution 2010-02 to reflect the increase. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commission discussed budgeted boards and current issues. Commission requested County Counselor to research a few issues.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll and Warrants Payable expenditures as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
General Fund	78,451.08
Equipment Reserve	1,162.95
Appraiser	11,548.32
Election	690.54
Employee Benefit	91,375.34
Health	3,464.04
Noxious Weed	2,536.78
Road and Bridge	49,678.59
Special Bridge	1,530.86
Juvenile Detention	1,305.00
County 911	42.12
Solid Waste	10,170.28
Treasurer Auto	2,553.30
ROD Tech Fund	592.12
Total All Funds	275,101.32

Danny Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Danny D. Williams, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Chairman, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk