

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 31, 2015

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, March 31, 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 23, 2015 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided his weekly report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Rd 8 and Frontier, Rd 22 and Trail north, Rd 32 and Gallop from 166 to county line and reflectors on Gallop east of Rd 30, Gallop and Rd 16, Frontier and Rd 3, Rd 26 and Valley. Crews are working right of way on Rd and Overland. Shoulders on Bronco will be the next area to work. Cold patch was applied on the cemetery road. An approach was fixed. Rd 9 and Quivera south was reviewed for repair for drainage. Sedan Floral requested that a culvert be installed on east county road. Sedan Floral will provide the dirt work. Reflectors have been installed on local bridges.

Haden brought a road cut permit for approval at Rd 11 and Nation east .7 miles, requested by SM Oil & Gas. Commissioners approved the road cut.

Commissioners asked Haden to review specific areas as citizens have voiced concerns.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to discuss department business. Wade brought requested travel for approval for county employees. Wade brought information regarding the website numbers. Commissioners request that citizens send any photos of Chautauqua County and we will add some to our website. This helps promote our county. Wade offered the list of county employees who had anniversary dates this month. Wade completed training for the KAC portal for the salary survey.

Greg Wilkinson joined the meeting regarding the Blues Festival. Wilkinson brought information regarding the festival last year. Wilkinson is requesting any funding the county can provide. Danny Williams made a motion to support the Blues Festival for \$250.00. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Judge Collins sent commissioners a letter thanking them for accepting the proposed change to the District Court 2016 budget.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes at 9:34 with Crystal Wade. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:49 a.m. As a result of the executive session Crystal Wade has fulfilled her 90 day probationary period and will have full time employee status.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session at 9:49 a.m. for 9 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Ruth Ritthaler. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:00

a.m. As a result of the executive session Ruth Ritthaler has fulfilled her probationary period and will have full time employee status.

Jenny McDaniels, 4-H Agent joined the meeting, at commissioner's request, to discuss the date of the Chautauqua County Fair. Amy Goode, Deputy Clerk and Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting as observers.

County Clerk, Janice A. Fine brought the following to commissioners: 1) A request to reappoint Delbert E. Lampson to the New Beginnings Board. Danny Williams made a motion to reappoint Mr. Lampson to the New Beginning Board. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

FUND	TOTAL
General Fund	\$8,500.83
Ambulance District #1	\$4,560.42
Ambulance District #2	\$13,875.00
Appraiser	\$2,834.50
Health	\$3,133.17
Noxious Weed	\$578.93
Road & Bridge	\$9,631.93
Special Rock	\$3,343.17
Special Law	\$600.00
Solid Waste	\$1,335.82
Treasurer's Auto	\$708.72
Road Damage	\$2,336.00
Payroll Clearing	\$66,035.98
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$117,474.47

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 10:44 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