

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 29, 2015

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Friday, May 29, 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 May 18, 2015 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor and commissioners discussed the legal aspects of the coroner process. Ritthaler has made arrangements to work with all parties concerned, review the process from other jurisdictions, costs involved and clear discussion with commissioners. Ritthaler suggests creation of a comprehensive plan and discussion before reaching a decision.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to bring the state employee health plan. Danny Williams made a motion to approve and sign the state employee health plan. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser joined the meeting as observer and to offer information to commissioners. Hendren discussed that John Goodin quit unexpectedly. Hendren has other options for his office. Commissioners asked Hendren for some information. Wade left the meeting.

Fence Viewing Board opinion regarding property owned by Pipher and Sprouls which was reviewed on May 18, 2015. Board opinion is that the fences were inadequate. Board states that the landowners need to comply with state requirements. Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor will prepare the letters for commissioner signature. Commissioners discussed the process for future landowner notification.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor brought information regarding the next fence viewing. All documentation we have indicates that the road in question is open.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve Resolution 02-2015 regarding recovery of expenses incurred in an emergency action for Emergency Management. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Richard Newby joined the meeting to discuss department business. Newby has received information regarding housing state inmates. A new law has been passed to reduce the states inmate population. Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor provided information on the new laws passed and the effect on the state and county. Newby is still talking to surrounding counties to house overflow inmates when necessary.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) CMB for Deadend Rally. Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve the CMB license. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. 2) Review of a check issued as necessary using a treasurer's check. 3) Fine will be out of the office next week attending the final year of Sanborn Institute Clerk Certification.

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

FUND	TOTAL
General Fund	\$31,235.36
Ambulance District #1	\$4,560.42
Ambulance District #2	\$13,875.00
Appraiser	\$2,389.62
Elections	\$465.94
Employee Benefit	\$693.55
Health	\$2,820.68
Noxious Weed	\$1,777.62
Road & Bridge	\$13,147.58
Juvenile Detention	\$1,684.00
Solid Waste	\$642.42
Treasurer's Auto	\$270.03
Payroll Clearing	\$65,167.37
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$138,729.59

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl, Chairman, First District Commissioner

Danny D. Williams, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk