

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

June 8, 2015

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, June 8, 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: Goff Searl made a motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 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 primarily due to washouts: Eagle and Rd 19, Rd 12 and Ranch, Rd 12 and Marshall, Rd 14 and Overland, Rd 19 south of Union Chapel, Rd 30 and Kansas south, Rd 5 and Frontier, Gallop and Rd 5 east and west. The backhoe was used on Indian Road and a culvert cleaned out. A culvert was installed at Rd 25 and Indian Rd, Gallop and Rd 5 east, Frontier and Rd 12 south side of the road on an entrance. Rock was placed on an entrance on River Road. Haden shared information he received from KDOT, Kansas Department of Transportation. Crews are working on Rd 28 today. There was discussion regarding the minor accident reported last week. Commission asked if emulsion was going to be purchased for the roads in the near future. Haden discussed options.

Carol Robb joined the meeting to discuss an issue with commissioners. Robb took a concern to the City of Peru Council regarding trash on rural roads. Indian Road and Rd 25 is the area of discussion. City of Peru indicated that this issue is the responsibility of Chautauqua County. Robb stated the bulk of the trash is beer cans. Sheriff has indicated that this is not a critical issue for their department. Robb believes there needs to be a change in culture. Commissioners will discuss with Sheriff Newby having a deputy patrol that area when available. Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor gave her opinion that a law officer can't stop an individual unless there is a legal violation. Commission offered a possible incentive might be a deposit on cans and bottles through the state. Robb indicates that the trash situation has gotten out of hand. Tim Nordell joined the meeting as observer. Adopt a road might be an option where a local entity volunteers to pick up trash. It was suggested that an ad in the paper that the Gregg Theater and the Animal Shelter is in need of aluminum cans may help. Robb asked for any encouragement for a Sheriff Deputy to patrol the area.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator brought two travel requests for approval. Commission approved the travel requests. Wade offered that June 30, 2015 is our second quarterly employee luncheon. Wade wanted to address a request that was made of her for an incentive program regarding health through the county not just through our medical insurance. Wade has talked with Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator regarding options for mini programs for our employees. Commission request Wade to work with Blankinship to develop a program and bring a plan for commissioner approval.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor researched the appropriate action for disposal of county assets. Statute states value and how to dispose.

Chairman Searl brought to commissioners an issue regarding an old ambulance housed in the Fire Department Building in Cedar Vale. Searl offered that the Ambulance Board will discuss this issue at their next meeting.

New Beginnings, Joe O'Rourke, and Tara Cunningham joined the meeting to provide commissioners with a 2016 budget proposal. O'Rourke gave a brief overview of services provided to Chautauqua County. This program currently provides services for 18 county individuals. The request is the same level of funding as previous years.

Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser joined the meeting to inform commissioners that he is now state certified as an Appraiser.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) 2016 budget proposal for the Conservation District. 2) Sanborn Institute graduation.

Commissioner's commended County Clerk Janice Fine on her completion of the Sanborn Institute as a Certified County Clerk.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Goff Searl, Chairman, First District Commissioner

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Danny D. Williams, Second District Commissioner

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Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Janice A. Fine, County Clerk