

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 13, 2015

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioner Jack Carpenter and Commissioner 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: Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2015 as presented. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided his weekly report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Rd 27 and Ranch going south, Rd 23 and Trail going east, Trail and Rd 22 north. A low water crossing at Lariat and Rd 23 was worked. Crews cleaned up a hill at Prairie and Rd 19. Crews blocked the roadway where a bridge was removed on Rd 25 and Junction south. Crews are working a right of way in the area of Rd 22 and Bronco. During the rainy period crew worked on equipment. Commissioners asked Haden to review a couple of areas.

Luke Middleton, KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) joined the meeting to discuss state roads. Bridge approaches were discussed. Commissioners commented on the political reduction of KDOT funding. Middleton wanted to bring commissioners an update on the local projects which are minimal. Passing lanes were discussed. Repairs are being made on the bridge just east of Niotaze.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to provide commissioners with employee travel requests. Chairman Searl signed the travel requests after being reviewed. Wade brought a letter to send to the state returning the microloan program funding. Wade discussed the employee weight-loss challenge with commissioners.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor brought information to commissioners so Chautauqua County could develop its surplus policy. There was discussion on what works best for Chautauqua County. State Statute was reviewed and discussed. Ritthaler will develop a policy for commissioner approval for the next meeting.

Sheriff Newby joined the meeting and asked commissioners if they had any questions. There was discussion on rural road speed limits and trash in the ditches. Sheriff stated our jail is nearly full. The Jail's air conditioning fans went out on the 4th of July and service was called with a possible cost of \$1,200.00 to repair them. Chairman asked Sheriff about his funding requests for 2016.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Email from Stuart Yoho, Kansas Energy Division detailing a program they provide. 2) A copy of the Secretary of State, Department of Revenue population report. 3) Reported that the Treasurer provided commercial vehicle information to the Clerk's Office on Tuesday last week. Clerk completed her portion of the process and provided the Treasurer with the reports needed for the distribution. County

Clerk signed distribution checks on Friday. The process has been completed. 4) Information regarding the County Counselor's 2016 budget request numbers.

Commissioners reviewed the Budget and Cash Report for June 30, 2015 created by the Clerk's Office at the end of each month.

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

FUND	TOTAL
General Fund	\$10,140.71
Appraiser	\$1,650.00
Health	\$5,138.32
Noxious Weed	\$13,691.60
Road & Bridge	\$7,891.56
Special Bridge	\$70.64
County 911	\$45,445.56
Solid Waste	\$6,012.72
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$90,041.11

Commissioners discussed the Human Resources budget with Crystal Wade. There was discussion regarding possible cost savings.

Commissioners continued discussion regarding their budget as well as the Clerk and Election 2016 budgets.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 11:04 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