

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

April 11, 2013

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioners Goff Searl and Danny Williams were present as was County Clerk Janice A. Fine. Danny Williams gave prayer.

Danny Williams made a motion to approve the Board of Canvass minutes for April 11, 2013. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jack Carpenter motioned to go into executive session with Jeanie Beason to discuss non-elected personnel at 9:05 a.m. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commission resumed regular meeting at 9:10 a.m. As a result of the executive session the commission accepts Jeanie Beason's resignation of Department Administrator for the Health Department, effective June 1, 2013, as she wishes to continue serving the county as a nursing employee.

Commission requests advertisement for 2 weeks to receive applications.

Goff Searl made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2013. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Laura Beeson, Register of Deeds, and Amy Goode, Deputy Treasurer, joined the meeting to discuss the old jail. ROD and Treasurer's office request to have use of the old jail for storage and creating a usable restroom. The metal of the jail cells could be sold off. They requested Road and Bridge staff work to remove the metal on days when they are unable to work on roads and bridges. Commission requests to speak with Sheriff and Joel Haden to research possibilities. Historical preservation possibilities were also discussed.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Manager, joined the meeting to provide the monthly report. Department continues to show a profit.

Crystal Wade joined the meeting to discuss the pay plan and provide an update from the department head meeting of April 10, 2013. Department heads are requesting more time to produce the most accurate information. They are hoping for 30 days to create job titles and job descriptions. Crystal will be checking with department heads regarding progress on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Crystal will provide commissioners with feedback at the commission meeting May 14th.

Richard Potter joined the meeting to discuss the Veteran's markers the commissioners provided. Richard provided the commissioners with a reimbursement check in the amount of \$649.50.

Commissioners requested to review prior documentation with KDOT regarding the transportation project for the next meeting. It was suggested that the commissioners check with the county counselor, Larry King, as he would have the official documentation.

Karen Spencer, Appraiser, joined the meeting to discuss issues and provide an update. Ag land questionnaire draft needs to be approved by the state etc. before it can be submitted to citizens who have land identified for agriculture. Abatements have been made per the court ruling. Special assessment issues could be reviewed. Requested permission to bring Theresa Wells from Elk County to come in and help with Oil and Gas. June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the yearly Appraiser's meeting in Wichita.

Heath Joslin and Dallas Hartley, Road and Bridge employees, joined the meeting to thank commissioners for their support in attending grader school. They provided a brief overview of the class.

Jodi Abington, South Central Director for the Council on Aging, and Mary Woods, Cowley County Aging Director, joined the meeting to discuss Aging. Discussed commission responsibility to appoint to boards, Housing and SC Council on Aging (located in Arkansas City, KS). The commission and attendees discussed transportation issues and specifically Chautauqua County's non-compliance issues by the Chautauqua County Transportation Director. Discussed how transportation is used in our community. Allen Moore is on the board of the South Central Area Agency on Aging. Annetta is welcome to attend and observe. Jodi asked to review the original letter submitted to commission and the local paper from Judi St. Clair. Chautauqua County provides requested funding to these agencies. Jodi's suggestion is that a commissioner might begin to attend local Aging meetings. Meetings are at the First National Bank usually. Commissioners discussed their interest in attending any meeting especially those entities who receive Chautauqua County funds.

Jodi Abington clearly states that this commission has been appropriate in appointments and has the right to appoint a liaison for the commissioners, Annetta Kelley, Chautauqua County Aging Director.

Annetta Kelley joined the meeting. Annetta discussed her opinion of her volunteer position as County Aging Director. Annetta is aware that she is the commission liaison and reports information from attending Aging functions.

Kurtis Simmons, Community Corrections, joined the meeting. Budget planning has begun. A budget summary was presented for Chautauqua County consideration. This county doesn't fund Community Corrections however we do provide specific documentation to the state which impacts the amount of state funding they do receive. There are a number of individuals being released from jails who are moving back into Chautauqua County. Danny Williams motioned to approve the budget summary provided. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

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Danny D. Williams, Second District Commissioner

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Jack Carpenter, Chairman, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Janice A. Fine, County Clerk