

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

October 5, 2015

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, October 5, 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 September 30, 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 Saddle going north, Rd 30 and Bronco going east. Crews continue to work the four corners area. Rd 8 is being worked. Timothy Venable's last day is the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. Haden will review applications on file. Commissioners asked Haden to review specific county roads for repair. Haden reviewed a particular road with a citizen. Citizens appreciate our county roads as they are in pretty good shape. Haden stated that Cathy Sanders will represent Road & Bridge regarding the new possible phone system.

Commissioners discussed Fire District Boundaries as requested by a citizen. Commissioners requested Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor to research the process.

Commissioners discussed Chautauqua County citizens who tag their vehicles in surrounding states and what the process is to enforce compliance on this issue. Commissioners discussed delinquent taxes.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Maintenance renewal contract for the AS400. There was discussion on budgeting for a new server in 2017. 2) Discussion on the November Abstract.

Sheriff Richard Newby joined the meeting as requested by commissioners. The jail continues to house out of county inmates. Regular department business was discussed.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the evaluations they are charged with completing.

Danny Williams made a motion to recess the commission meeting at 10:20 a.m. for 10 minutes. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:30 a.m.

Clete Hudson with Kansas Communications joined the meeting to discuss the proposed VOIP phone system. An overview of all phone options included with this new service was discussed. Cost was reviewed. Those attending this portion of the meeting included: Cathy Sanders, Melody Rodriguez, Annie Blankinship, Jim Duncan, Amy Goode, Rodger Green, Crystal Wade, Cindy Weaver, Jeremy Hendren, Jenny McDaniel and Wendy Kirchner. This new system will pay for itself in ten to twelve months and provide a \$12,000.00 savings every year thereafter. Following all conversation and questions Danny Williams made a motion to approve a phone contract with Kansas Communications for phone services. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head joined the meeting to discuss the fencing requested for the dumpsters at Cedar Vale. The agreement is for a chain link fence on three sides. Cedar Vale will need to install the fencing slats if they choose. Commissioners will discuss the fencing panels with Joel Haden, Road and Bridge Superintendent. Commissioner's asked Kline to check on the cost of a used dumpster. Kline asks that several accounts be abated for deceased individuals.

Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting to discuss department business. Goode advised commissioners of the financial progress in her office.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to include Crystal Wade, HR Administrator and Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor for 10 minutes at 11:45 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 11:55 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Goff Searl 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

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Janice A. Fine, County Clerk