

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

October 30, 2015

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Friday, October 30, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioner Jack Carpenter was absent. Commissioner Danny Williams was 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 October 19, 2015 as presented. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent was not available. He will be present on Monday, November 2, 2015.

Jennifer McNown, R&B joined the meeting. Chairman Searl discussed a conversation he had pertaining to the dumpsters at Cedar Vale City Hall.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Register of Deeds quarterly report. 2) Informed Commissioners that the auditor was in the courthouse Wednesday to gather more information for the Treasurer's audit report. 3) Clerk received a Court of Tax Appeal order for two state assessed utility companies to receive 2014 tax abatements in the amount of \$16,976.60. Commissioners discussed the impact to our local entities who levy taxes for their budgets.

Heath Joslin, R&B employee joined the meeting with Jennifer McNown in attendance. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes with Joslin and County Counselor Ruth Ritthaler in attendance at 8:55 a.m. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:10 a.m. As a result of the executive session Commissioners are scheduling to meet with the department head on Monday, November 2, 2015.

Renatta Kubit, Emergency Manager joined the meeting to accept an award. Pam Sanders, President of the Kansas Emergency Management Association presented the award to Kubit. Also in attendance was Byrdee Miller, President Elect for KEMA and Joshua Smith Regional Director of Emergency Management. Rudy Taylor of Taylor News was present to take pictures of the award acceptance.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting. Wade requests approval of the 2016 holiday schedule as presented. Chairman Searl made a motion to approve the 2016 holidays as presented. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor spoke with commissioners. The tax sale is scheduled for December 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. There are 33 parcels to be a part of the tax sale. Commissioners discussed logistics regarding the tax sale. Ritthaler wished to discuss the research regarding the citizen request. Commissioners do not have the legal ability to release interest or penalty owed on delinquent personal property.

Linda Kline joined the meeting with Jennifer McNown, Brett Mason and Jordon Swanwick to discuss a uniform contract with Unifirst. McNown brought information regarding the current uniform contract which is ready to renew. The current Ameripride contract increases would be 11%. McNown has been reviewing options. A new contract with Unifirst is being requested with a

substantial savings for the county. Commissioners approve changing companies to acquire a reduction in weekly costs. Chairman Searl signed the contract. Mason offered that a process is in place to accommodate any issue or problem.

Craig Jameson joined the meeting to discuss land locked property that he inherited. Jameson inherited the land a year ago. There was discussion regarding the property. County Counselor stated this would be a civil matter and should be reviewed in district court.

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

FUND	TOTAL
General Fund	\$34,116.99
Ambulance District #1	\$4,560.42
Ambulance District #2	\$13,875.00
Appraiser	\$1,832.76
Election	\$51.80
Employee Benefit	\$602.24
Fair	\$9,900.00
Health	\$12,828.65
Noxious Weed	\$3,583.80
Road & Bridge	\$54,928.44
Juvenile Detention	\$1,281.79
County 911	\$747.20
Unreimbursed Medical	\$208.27
Solid Waste	\$6,573.07
Treasurer's Auto	\$191.05
Road Damage Deposit Fund	\$200.00
Payroll Clearing Fund	\$63,897.59
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$209,379.07</b>

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:58 a.m. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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Goff Searl, Chairman, First District Commissioner

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Danny D. Williams, Second District Commissioner

Absent

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk

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