

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 2, 2015

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, November 2, 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 October 30, 2015 with one correction. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided his weekly report. Cathy Sanders joined the meeting. Haden informed commissioners regarding a new bridge construction with an estimate over \$50,000.00 for the county portion. Sanders offered how she hopes the billing for services can be made. Danny Williams made a motion to approve the construction bid for bridge 70 with the contract increase. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Dalton and Rd 6 going west, Rd 8 north of 166, Marshall and Rd 8 going west, Rd 27 and Union going north on Rd 27, Rd 25 1 ¼ mile south of 166, Rd 8 north of 166. Crews continue to work the 4 corners area. A plank was replaced on a bridge north of Cedar Vale. Rd 30 has been fixed. Haden provided information on road issues the commissioners had requested he review. Commissioners asked Haden to review a few additional road issues. Haden has applications to review. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes at 8:50 a.m. with Haden and HR Administrator Crystal Wade. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:00 a.m. As a result of the executive session commissioners and Haden will interview for the vacant Road & bridge position at the next meeting. Wade will schedule interviews. Commissioners gave to Haden a certificate to be sent to retired employee Tim Venable for his many years of service to Chautauqua County.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 25 minutes at 9:00 a.m. with Joel Haden, Crystal Wade, HR Administrator, Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor and Heath Joslin present. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman called the regular meeting back in session at 9:25 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes at 9:30 a.m. with Ruth Ritthaler to discuss attorney/client privilege. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:35 a.m. As a result of the executive session Commission requested that Ritthaler create a letter for their signature. Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 4 minutes with Crystal Wade, HR Administrator to discuss non-elected personnel at 9:36 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:40 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session. Wade informed commissioners that she has completed her interview with the Secretary of State's Office regarding the Selective Service Board. Wade offered that Highway 99 was discussed

just after her phone interview and there is interest from that office in getting that project moved up in priority.

Commissioners discussed the Cedar Vale dumpster situation. Linda Kline was requested to attend this discussion. Kline has discussed all options and suggests she be given the opportunity to discuss all these options with Dale Stone on Tuesday. Plastic versus metal slats in a chain link fence was discussed. Kline will do more research on the possibilities.

Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser joined the meeting to discuss department business. Johnson County has filed an appeal with the State of Kansas. Chautauqua County needs to join this process per Hendren. County Counselor Ruth Ritthaler will prepare a letter for Chautauqua County to join Johnson County with their appeal.

Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting. Delinquent Personal Property Taxes were published in the paper last week. The total list equals in excess of \$96,000.00. Goode also brought some information regarding contracted projects for future reference. The auditor uncovered illegal pledging issues with Howard State Bank, established in prior years, and Goode has resolved the issues.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) How the November Abstract was progressing. 2) Asked commissioners to clearly state their position regarding a citizen request on personal property.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes at 10:15 a.m. with Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor present to discuss non-elected personnel. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:25 a.m. Commissioners approved the created letter for their signature regarding a personnel matter.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes at 10:25 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Heath Joslin present. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:30 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:31 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