

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 9, 2015

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, November 9, 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: Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2015 as presented. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent requested an executive session. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session to interview applicants for Road & Bridge positions for 30 minutes at 8:35 a.m. with Crystal Wade, HR Administrator and Joel Haden, R&B Superintendent present. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:05 a.m. As a result of the executive session both applicants will be offered a position with Road & Bridge.

Crews are hauling rock to the following: Marshall between Rd 6 and Rd 8, Rd 5 north of HWY 166, Rd 22 and Quivera west, Rd 25 north of Peru, Rd 22 east, Rd 25 and Junction going east. Commissioners discussed particular road issues that they ask Haden to review.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) There were two issues creating the November Abstract that were corrected prior to submission to the State. 2) There's an opportunity to upgrade the AS400 this year for a \$13,000.00 savings. Commissioners ask Fine to contact our auditor to see when he would be in Chautauqua County for our yearly audit. 3) Reminded commissioners of evaluations they need to complete before the end of the year. 4) A request for a proclamation to support National School Choice Week and a signature pledging support for South Central Kansas Economic Development District, Inc. Danny Williams made a motion to approve both signatures on the requested documents. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor discussed research requested by commissioners. Ritthaler informed commissioners of her appointment to the Board of Directors of the County Counselor's Association.

Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser joined the meeting to discuss department business. Hendren has a letter for Ruth to review.

There was discussion on the last meeting of the year which will be Wednesday, December 30, 2015.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 9:53 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