

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 14, 2015

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, December 14, 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 December 7, 2015 as presented. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided his weekly report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Rd 30 and Bronco, Quivera and Rd 32 north, Rd 30 and Indian, Rd 3 and Gallop. A right-of-way was completed at Gallop and Hwy 166. A culvert was installed. Tree removal continues when time allows. Haden will review options for a trash dumpster. Commissioners asked Haden to review a couple of road issues.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes at 8:40 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Crystal Wade, HR Administrator present. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 8:50 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator brought travel requests from the Health Department for approval. Commission approved the requests.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes at 8:55 a.m. for attorney/client privilege with Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor present. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:10 a.m. As a result of the executive session County Counselor was given permission to negotiate on cause #9 from the recent tax sale.

Sheriff Newby stopped by to introduce Cody Collier as the newly hired Emergency Manager effective 12/22/2015. Sheriff stated that Kayla Stong will be in December 21, 2015 to ask to request to move monies to equipment reserve. Sheriff brought commissioners up to date regarding a dispatchers medical issues.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel at 9:30 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.

Linda Kline and Dale Stone from Solid Waste discussed with commissioners the process to set the dumpster in Cedar Vale.

Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting to discuss department business. Goode advised commissioners that her office phones had been transferred to a non-working number. This issue is being investigated. Goode advised commissioners that all bank accounts had been balanced. There was discussion on the continuing audit.

Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser joined the meeting to discuss real estate taxes in a disaster situation.

Mike Burns joined the meeting to discuss taxes. Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to share information with Burns regarding the tax abatement program for building or expanding a current business.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel at 10:40 a.m. with Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser, Crystal Wade, HR Administrator and appraiser personnel Raven Darnall present. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:50 a.m. As a result of the executive session Darnall has completed the probation period and is granted full time employee status.

There was discussion regarding land value with Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser.

Commissioners reviewed and approve the Warrants Payable expenses for mid-month expenditures as follows:

FUND	TOTAL
General Fund	\$22,200.81
Appraiser	\$276.00
Council on Aging	\$11,973.25
Fire District #8	\$2,434.61
Fire District #5	\$4,082.92
Fire District #1	\$5,393.91
Fire District #2	\$6,369.66
Fire District #3	\$3,989.43
Fire District #4	\$6,822.77
Fire District #6	\$1,120.16
Employee Benefit	\$304.66
Health	\$347.70
Mental Health	\$859.30
Mental Retardation	\$5,728.02
Noxious Weed	\$19.05
Road & Bridge	\$8,517.17
Special Bridge	\$7,215.00
County 911	\$4,205.00
Unreimbursed Medical	\$448.51
Solid Waste	\$5,278.76
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$97,586.69

Jack Carpenter made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. Danny Williams 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