

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 19, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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 January 12, 2016 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided his weekly road report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Rd 27 and Eagle, Independence and Rd 24, Cedar Vale at Frontier and Rd 6, Dalton and Rd 3 east and west of the intersection, Hwy 99 and Kansas, Grafton going north from the shortcut (Rd 22), Rd 22 and Lariat east. A ditch liner was installed near Quivera. A culvert was cleaned on Rd 23 north of Hwy 166 and road signs straightened. A new culvert was installed at Bronco and Rd 30 going east. A culvert was installed in Cedar Vale at the dumpster area and rock hauled to that site. Crews will continue work on that area. Ranchland Tree Removal will be engaged to remove some trees that are over the road and there is a danger that they will fall and block the roadway. Graders are out today and will blade if possible. Haden discussed the rock purchase process. A citizen requested a specific road sign which was discussed.

Commissioners received a letter from County Attorney, Larry Markle to consider purchasing upgraded audio and visual equipment in the court room to be used during jury trials.

Todd Miller joined the meeting to discuss the removal of the bars from the old jail on the second floor of the courthouse. Commissioners expressed the need that two individuals work together to remove the metal. If those bars fall on the floor there is an issue with water lines etc from under the floor. Oxygen with propane is being used to cut the metal. Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser joined the meeting. There was discussion on other options for cutting the metal. Miller will make sure there are two workers on site and review the possibility of using other sources to cut the metal.

Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser brought information regarding the purchase of a new office copier. The copier to purchase is a gently used copier with a cost reduced to under \$3,000.00. Commissioners approve the purchase from the Appraiser's equipment reserve fund.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to provide travel requests received from employees. Commissioners approved the employee travel.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) CMB for Peru Truck Stop. Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve the CMB for Peru Truck Stop. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Rodney Burns, Auditor, Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 25 minutes at 9:35 a.m. with Burns, Goode and County Counselor Ruth Ritthaler present for attorney/client privilege. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:00 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Rodger Green, Maintenance Supervisor joined the meeting to provide information regarding the electrical source in the old jail. Green will review options for a 220 temporary outlet where necessary as requested.

Commissioners reviewed and approved 13th month expenditures as follows:

| Fund | Amount |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| General | \$8,760.22 |
| Appraiser | \$541.56 |
| Health | \$2,876.50 |
| Road & Bridge | \$9,444.30 |
| Solid Waste | \$4,951.80 |
| TOTAL Expenditures | \$26,574.38 |

County Clerk reminded commissioners that using the 13th month process allows the county to pay for items purchased or used in 2015 when the invoice is received in 2016. This allows 2015 funds to be used once the office has completed the year-end computer process.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the mid-month expenditures for January 2016 as follows:

| Fund | Amount |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| General | \$118,797.82 |
| Appraiser | \$1,118.10 |
| Election | \$1,583.00 |
| Employee Benefit | \$38,143.00 |
| Health | \$3,949.48 |
| Noxious Weed | \$602.80 |
| Road & Bridge | \$17,641.33 |
| County 911 | \$747.20 |
| Solid Waste | \$8,095.33 |
| TOTAL Expenditures | \$190,678.06 |

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 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