

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 9, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, February 9, 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 February 2, 2016 with one correction. 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 locations: Dalton and Rd 11, Dalton and Rd 12, Indian between Rd 26 and Rd 29, North of Niotaze at Rd 22 and Hwy 166 south. A culvert was installed on Rd 26 and Independence Rd. A right-of-way was worked at Prairie and Rd 10. Commissioner Searl and Haden attended the KDOT meeting in Independence regarding the Cook Bridge Project. Project is moving forward as planned. T-Works funding was discussed. Construction will begin in March and will take 100 working days. There was discussion on how the concrete will be brought to the site. Haden stated he needs to order culverts to have on hand. Haden is requesting approval for the low bid from Welborn Sales. Commission approves Haden to move forward on the purchase. Several bridge enlargements were discussed for future projects. Commission discussed with Haden refurbishing particular pieces of equipment. Haden has requested bids on a new truck.

Jim Duncan, Noxious Weed Director brought year-end reports to commissioner for their signature. This document must be sent to the state to comply with their regulations. Commissioners discussed chemical used for specific noxious weeds.

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Public Officials Bond signatures document. 2) Register of Deeds quarterly reports for review. 3) Letter from the state regarding waste water in the county. 4) Reminded commissioners of the caucus on March 5th in Cowley County. 5) Invoice to join the Chamber of Commerce for Sedan, KS. Danny Williams made a motion to join both Sedan and Cedar Vale Chamber of Commerce. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. 6) By-Laws for Fire District #8.

Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser joined the meeting to tell commissioners that mailers are going out using postal presort.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to discuss department business. Wade will not be able to attend the annual HR meeting in Salina on February 24, 2016 and she wants at least one commissioner to attend.

Larry Sharpe, KCAMP joined the meeting to discuss the yearly report. Sharpe provided a print out of general information about KCAMP. Sheriff Newby and Cody Collier, Emergency Management Coordinator joined the meeting as observers. KCAMP continues to provide good liability and property coverage. Their company continues to grow and provide better coverage each year.

Sheriff Richard Newby addressed commissioners on department business. The reimbursement process for the county for accident scene vehicle idling was discussed. Cody Collier stated some other entities are participating but needs to do more research with assistance from County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler. Recovery costs were discussed. A policy should exist and needs to be located and revised. Commission asked Collier to locate and proceed with research. There was a lengthy discussion on the county responsibility should a watershed dam breach. Jail continues to house Montgomery County inmates. Sheriff updated commissioners on personnel issues.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes at 11:15 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 11:20 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Commission minutes of February 2, 2016 referred to Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor as County Attorney which was inaccurate. County Clerk, Janice A. Fine apologizes for the error.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 11:21 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