

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 16, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, February 16, 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 9, 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 12 north of Elgin, Indian Rd between Rd 26 and Rd 29 and Rd 22 north of Hwy 166. Right of ways have been worked at Rd 10 and Prairie, Rd 8 and Marshall going south and going west on Marshall. Culverts have been installed at Rd 10 and Prairie ¼ mile east. Trees have been removed west of Elgin. A citizen has requested a culvert installed on Bronco Rd but Haden explained details of the landscape where a new building was built on the lowest part of the field. There was discussion on how Haden can complete the request by working with the landscape to allow for water flow without creating an issue with depth of a ditch.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to go into executive session with Haden present for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel at 8:42 a.m. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 8:52 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Commissioners discussed a fence area with County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler regarding issues with property adjoining Doyle Seaman. There was discussion on the process. Ritthaler will prepare a letter to both landowners.

Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator joined the meeting to discuss department business. The Women and Infant (WIC) audit went well. 2017 Grant year applications are being worked. Health Department is working the usual grants. The ceiling is leaking again in the Health Department in the same place. Rodger Green, Maintenance Supervisor has been consulted. Blankinship would like the issue addressed and asked that mold be reviewed and tested. Commissioners will have the ceiling evaluated. Commissioners ask that a sample of the water dripping be sent off for evaluation. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session with Blankinship present for 20 minutes at 9:06 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:26 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to ask commissioners who might be attending the class in Salina coming up on February 24, 2016.

Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting to discuss department business. Goode discussed the upcoming tax sale. The question was shall we proceed with the land that has been researched approximately 40 or wait until the list reaches 100. Commission requests we proceed with the current plots that have been researched. The process was discussed.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) The uninterrupted power supply (UPS) for the new server must be replaced. The County Clerk will fund this purchase.

2) Brought the equipment reserve funding totals to commissioners for their knowledge. 3) The office had received a statement for KCCA (Kansas Association of County Commissioners) to renewal. There was discussion on the benefits versus the cost. Commissioners decided not to join the association.

Richard Newby, Sheriff joined the meeting to discuss department business. Sheriff asked about coverage for reserve officers. School safety issues were discussed. Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting for clarity on liability insurance coverage. Wade will research and bring back information to commissioners and Sheriff. Wade left the meeting. Sheriff discussed insurance billing for Sheriff Department staff reimbursements for working accidents. Wade returned with information. KCAMP and KWORCC are working a policy to cover school safety issues regarding liability and workers comp for reserve officers. Wade left the meeting. Highway 99 and the most recent accidents were discussed.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes with County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler for attorney/client privilege at 10:40 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:45 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

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

Fund	Amount
General	\$13,939.94
Appraiser	\$2,375.59
Employee Benefit	\$1,593.00
Health	\$583.38
Noxious Weed	\$1,187.44
Road & Bridge	\$82,317.94
County 911	\$935.45
Solid Waste	\$4,979.38
Treasurer's Auto	\$338.79
TOTAL Expenditures	\$108,250.91

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 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