

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 15, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, March 15, 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 with one correction for March 8, 2016. 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 10 south of Hwy 166, Rd 11 north of Hwy 166 and Bronco and Rd 27 east. An entrance culvert was installed on Nation and Rd 10. Work is being done at the new Cook bridge site: fencing has been removed and built and some of the iron bridge floor removed. The road is closed going east on Rd 2 and Ranch. The dirt work has started and they continue to remove the iron from the bridge floor. Haden offered that the Sturges crossing is being worked to correct erosion. T Works funding was discussed. Commissioners discussed issues for Haden to review.

Goff Searl made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes at 8:47 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Joel Haden, Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor, Crystal Wade, HR Administrator present. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 8:57 a.m. As a result of the executive session no action was taken.

Chairman asked what the condition was of the spare grader at the shop. Haden stated it is in safe working condition.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to discuss department business. Mr. Filtingberger talked with Wade about missing work. Filtingberger is helping with his spouse's illness. There is no need to worry as his job is safe under the circumstances. Commissioners agree that his concern should be family first.

Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator joined the meeting to discuss grant renewal applications. Although the process is electronic the documents need commissioner's signatures. Chairman signed the grant applications. Blankinship brought her monthly report for February 2016 for commissioner's review. Blankinship discussed the daisy program which is an electronic data program for some services the Health Department provides. This program requires more personal data for services rendered to clients and there is some discomfort for the Health Department staff. Each client is informed with the personal information the state requires and each client determines if the state change is authorized by them. No discontinuance of service is expected.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Reminded commissioners that a mowing bid should be requested. Commissioners want a request for sealed bids for a two year mowing contract of the courthouse complex. 2) The District meeting in Franklin County is scheduled on April 14, 2016 in Ottawa. 3) The annual Commissioners and Highway Officials meeting is scheduled on April 21, 2016 in Chanute.

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

Fund	Amount
General	\$7,789.74
Equip Reserve	\$5,083.72
Appraiser	\$114.29
Employee Benefit	\$3,082.88
Health	\$600.74
Noxious Weed	\$147.36
Road & Bridge	\$18,257.80
County 911	\$11,083.80
Solid Waste	\$5,942.54
TOTAL Expenditures	\$52,102.87

Commissioners discussed watershed districts as County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler was made aware of a potential issue during the Farm Bureau Meeting last Saturday morning and brought the information to commissioners.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:13 a.m. Goff Searl 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