

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

March 22, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, March 22, 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 March 15, 2016 with three modifications. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided his weekly road report. Commissioners and Haden discussed the progress on the Cook Bridge construction. A video was reviewed. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Bronco and Rd 28, Rd 13 and Frontier, Rd 13 and Gallop. Ditch liner was laid north of the Boy Scout lake bridge. Drainage pipes were cleaned out at Sturges crossing (Quivira Rd). A right of way at Niotaze was worked. Machinery issues have caused a delay on that project. Cook Bridge iron has been hauled from the site. Haden has hired a new road grader for the Cedar Vale area. Haden advised commissioners that The Big Caney Watershed has issues with a water spout. The county air compressor is being requested to help with this issue. Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting. Commissioners request the equipment be used with care and returned in the same working order as received. Haden has received a couple of bids on a possible truck purchase without a dump bed. Specifications are the same as the last truck purchased. Commissioners asked if purchasing used would be an option. Haden was not in favor of purchasing used because of the issues that might come along with it. Danny Williams made a motion to approve the Kenworth truck purchase from Wichita Kenworth in the amount of \$105,096.00. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners asked Haden to review a few areas. Haden will start the fence project at the Cedar Vale dumpsters next week. Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator joined the meeting.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator brought employee travel requests for commission approval. Commission approves.

Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator joined the meeting to discuss department business. The 2016 county health ranking have been published. Blankinship doesn't know the criteria for the ranking but Chautauqua County ranks 95<sup>th</sup> in the state. Health outcome ranking is 45<sup>th</sup> which is good. Health factors ranking is 95<sup>th</sup>. Blankinship did not receive a call for any input on this survey. The entire printed evaluation was reviewed. Blankinship brought a personal letter from an anonymous citizen that was received by the health department regarding a lagoon in an area of concern and asked that it be reviewed. Blankinship offered that the state has requirements even though the county does not have zoning or code requirements. County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler advised that this issue should be addressed by KDHE. Ritthaler will review the legal obligation for the county. Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting. Commissioners again commented on the state ranking.

Amy Goode, Treasurer brought information to commissioners regarding delinquent personal property letters that were mailed today. This hasn't happened regularly in prior years even

though state statute requires it. Commissioners continue to state the good work Goode is providing to the citizens of Chautauqua County.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor discussed the progress on the entities to be included in the next tax sale. Research is continuing. Ritthaler asked how and who would assist with the clerical aspect of a tax sale.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) A request from the Sedan Chamber of Commerce to have the Easter Egg Hunt on the courthouse property. Commission approved the request. 2) There was discussion on how the mill levy is created Pertaining to the Watershed's.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:04 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Goff Searl, Chairman, First District Commissioner

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Danny D. Williams, Second District Commissioner

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Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

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Janice A. Fine, County Clerk