

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 19, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, April 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 April 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. Crews are checking low water crossings.

Kurtis Simmons with Community Corrections brought commissioners a copy of his 2017 comprehensive plan for their approval. After discussion Danny Williams made a motion to approve the comprehensive plan and authorize the chairman to sign. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Reta Pipher joined the meeting as an observer.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head brought commissioners her monthly report for their review.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor brought information received from County Attorney Larry Markle regarding an agreement that has been reached between the State of Kansas and the prior Treasurer. Additional information is forthcoming. Ritthaler also shared information regarding bills that have been passed in the Kansas Legislature.

Rodger Green, Maintenance Supervisor joined the meeting as requested by commissioners. Jack Carpenter made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes at 9:30 a.m. with Rodger Green present. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:45 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Sheriff Richard Newby joined the meeting to ask commissioners if they had any questions of him. Sheriff indicated he was planning some training activities that he would ask KCAMP to fund per their grant. Sheriff indicated that all internal personnel assignments were working well. Commission asked if we continued to house Montgomery County inmates and Sheriff replied we are. Commissioner Carpenter asked that the Sheriff attend a meeting in Cascade on May 7, 2016. Chairman Searl offered that a rodeo will be held in Cedar Vale on April 30, 2016. Reta Pipher offered that the Kansas Sampler Festival is being held in Winfield this year. Information can be obtained from the Chamber.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Reminded commissioners that all office staff would be attending a software conference in Wichita April 19 – 21, 2016. Reminded Chairman Searl he agreed to work in the Clerk's Office during this time. 2) Informed commissioners that 41 Homestead Claims had been filed in the Clerk's Office for citizens of Chautauqua County. 3) Reminded commissioners of the KDOT meeting in Chanute on Thursday, April 21, 2016. 4) Reminded commissioners that the Chamber Meeting was this week. Pipher offered that reservations need to be made to provide to the caterer.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 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