

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 3, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, May 3, 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. Wendy Peppard joined the meeting as an observer at the request of Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor.

Minute's approval: Danny Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of April 29, 2016 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided commissioners with his weekly road report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Rd 5 and Rd 6 north of Lariat, Rd 8 south of 166, Rd 10 and Prairie going south, Rd 28 and Ranch going south, Rd 29 and Dalton, north County Line Rd and Rd 28 south, 99 and Bronco going west. Rain and wind damage is being addressed. Washouts reviewed and trees removed from the road way. A culvert was installed at Rd 30 and Independence Rd ¼ mile north and at Rd 31 and Independence Rd ¾ miles north. A right of way was worked at Rd 30 and Independence Rd. The new phone system is not compatible with the shop ringer system. An estimate was provided in the amount of \$700.00. Haden asked for bids for a truck bed for the new truck. Haden stated he needed to get brochures for the truck beds that bids have been received for comparison. Haden will bring this back to commissioners once he has received more information. Commissioners asked Haden to review a couple of road issues.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor requested an executive session for attorney/client privilege. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for attorney/client privilege for 10 minutes at 8:55 a.m. with Ruth Ritthaler present. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:05 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes at 9:05 a.m. with Ruth Ritthaler present for client/attorney privilege. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:10 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session. Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting for the tax sale discussion.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator brought travel requests to commissioners for approval. Commission approved.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor brought a candidate, Wendy Peppard, to perform the administrative responsibilities for the tax sale. The expense would be the same as any other tax sale. Ritthaler is seeking commission approval. Danny Williams made a motion to approve the tax sale administration with Wendy Peppard. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Expected time line is late fall 2016 for the next tax sale. Mike Burns joined the meeting.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor had a discussion with the Department of Commerce and the response from the state was that Mr. Burns business that was lost by fire would not qualify for the tax abatement program. Burns hopes to begin construction of his new building as soon as possible.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor discussed the request to help with demolishing neglected homes in cities in our county and the program involved. Ritthaler offered her opinion of the program as described during a commission meeting several weeks ago. Ritthaler will schedule a meeting with municipalities governing body for discussion. Ritthaler will contact a Cowley County Commissioner for insight in their process pro and con before letters to Mayors go out. There was discussion regarding the dumpsters in Cedar Vale.

There was discussion regarding the Cascade Community Meeting on May 7, 2016.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes for attorney/client privilege at 9:50 a.m. with Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor and Janice A. Fine, County Clerk present. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:05 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session with Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor present to discuss non-elected personnel at 10:05 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:10 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) The Health Department monthly report. 2) Reminder that Commissioner Williams needs to RSVP for the Chamber meeting on May 11, 2016. 3) Brought information to commissioners regarding a cemetery that questions had been asked about. 4) A proposal for Executime Software for their review and internal discussion.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:34 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