

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 10, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, May 10, 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 May 3, 2016 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided commissioners with his weekly road report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Rd 6 and Lariat, Rd 6 and Marshall, Rd 30 and Independence shortcut north and south, Independence shortcut and Rd 26 south, Prairie and Rd 30 south. A culvert was installed at Eagle and Hwy 99, ½ mile east. A right of way was completed on Rd 30 and Independence Rd and Nation and Rd 27. Haden provided commissioners with specs for the truck beds to select the one he needs for his new truck. Haden will purchase from Midwest Truck Equipment. Commissioners asked Haden to review a few road areas.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor informed commissioners as a result of the ongoing investigation and including the forensic audit that the County Attorney and prior Treasurer, Lisa Hudson have come to an agreement which includes, among other things, restitution to Chautauqua County.

Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator joined the meeting. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes with Blankinship and Crystal Wade, HR Administrator at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:20 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session. Chairman Goff Searl made a motion, with approval of the Health Department Administrator to hire Diane Wiggins to replace a retiring employee in the Health Department. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Cindy Weaver, District Court Clerk joined the meeting to discuss the official bid for the new lighting system for the courtroom. Commissioner Williams will talk with a vendor for installation and let Weaver know by the next meeting.

Sue Kill joined the meeting. The Kansas Sampler went well in Winfield, KS. SCKKED has moved into their new building in Bel Aire, KS. Re-imagine Sedan is trying to promote the city lake. The road to the lake needs graded and commissioners will talk with Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent for the work. Kill had a letter in support of Mike Burns abatement program if he qualifies.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor brought a resolution directing the county counselor to institute a tax foreclosure proceeding number 2016-04 for commission approval. Danny Williams made a motion to approve resolution 2016-04 regarding the tax sale. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be attending the annual conference the remainder of the week. 2) Brought budget worksheets to commissioners for their review.

Commissioners reviewed an email from Lucas McDermott regarding the City of Cedar Vale demolishing homes in Cedar Vale, KS.

Commissioners discussed the cost benefit analysis completed for Sedan Floral's Tax Abatement Application.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 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