

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 17, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, May 17, 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 10, 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 to the following: Rd 27 between Lariat and Nation, Bronco between Rd 18 and Rd 20. A right of way was worked at Nation and Rd 27. The Cook Bridge construction was reviewed with the State of Kansas and Haden discussed the process with commissioners. There was discussion on ownership of water. Haden advised commissioners he received an employee resignation. Haden reported on areas he was requested to review. Commissioners asked Haden to review specific road issues.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to provide an employee travel request for their approval.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor asked for an executive session. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session at 8:55 a.m. for 30 minutes with County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler present to discuss attorney client privilege. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:25 a.m.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session at 9:25 a.m. for 20 minutes with Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor and Amy Goode, Treasurer for attorney client privilege. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:45 a.m. Danny Williams made a motion authorizing the County Counselor to communicate with Governmental Agencies in regards to financial matters effecting Chautauqua County. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Searl brought information regarding an email disclosure article in the paper. Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor will research the issue.

Amy Goode, Treasurer brought financial information regarding reconciliation of county accounts. There was discussion on bank securities on our funds.

Cindy Weaver, District Court Clerk joined the meeting to discuss department business. Danny Williams made a motion for the new lighting to be installed by True Value per the bid received at the last meeting. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) an email received from Southeast Kansas Workforce Development. 2) Cereal Malt Beverage license for The Deadend Rally. Danny Williams made a motion to approve the CMB license. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. 3) Provided information to commissioners

regarding the new Tax Lid Bill which was discussed in depth at the County Clerk and Election Officials annual conference last week in Manhattan, KS. 4) Brought information to commissioners that Janice A. Fine, County Clerk received certification at that annual conference and is now a Certified County Clerk having completed the Sanborn Institute three year course.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes with Ruth Ritthaler for attorney client privilege at 10:35 a.m. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:40 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Commissioners discussed the road condition at the Greenwood Cemetery. Chairman Searl called Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent to purchase a load of emulsion for the cemetery roads in Sedan and Cedar Vale. Haden will review his options and proceed as quickly as possible.

Amy Goode, Treasurer brought information regarding a payment to the bank.

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

Fund	Amount
General	\$18,205.48
Equip Reserve	\$629.99
Appraiser	\$1,163.47
Election	\$2,616.98
Health	\$893.47
Noxious Weed	\$5,846.25
Road & Bridge	\$21,968.49
Special Rock	\$45,708.89
County 911	\$3,114.70
Solid Waste	\$5,841.68
TOTAL Expenditures	\$105,989.40

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:58 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