

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

June 14, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, June 14, 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.

Chairman Searl brought photos of the progress on the Cook Bridge project.

Minute's approval: Danny Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2016 with one addition. 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: Bronco and Rd 17, Rd 14 north of Rd 12, Rd 12 and Prairie north, Indian and Rd 27, Rd 19 and Eagle ½ mile north, Rd 3 and Dalton south of Cedar Vale, Rd 11 and Nation east and then north, Rd 19 south of Quivira. Haden asked about an area where some trees need to be removed and chipped. Commissioners asked Haden to look into replacing signs in a few particular places. Haden reviewed a particular cemetery where an issue may exist.

Commissioners discussed research regarding the Booth Cemetery.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to present travel request forms for employees. Commission approved the travel requests.

County Counselor Ruth Ritthaler has filed documents for the tax sale with 49 parcels. Serving notices is the next step. Ritthaler will begin publishing for the public meeting for the tax abatement application. There was discussion on county owned property in the City of Chautauqua. Ritthaler will research the property.

Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting. Goode is requesting action from the commissioners to authorize signatures on the Sheriff's Department accounts. Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting as an observer. A discussion with the Sheriff will take place before any action from the commissioners.

County Clerk, Janice A. Fine brought the following to commissioners: 1) The Sedan Chamber meeting has been moved to June 22, 2016. 2) Reminded commissioners about the tabled MOU. Commissioners discussed the MOU and it remains tabled. 3) Window screen repair, replacement or removal was discussed.

Charity Kossin, Christopher Lund and Mark Jones joined the meeting to discuss a Women's Treatment Facility that wishes to locate in Chautauqua County. Lund provided information regarding their current business structure for City on the Hill in western Kansas. Corporate Offices are in Scott City. Property has been located. Hiring would include six local people with benefits and the hourly wage would range from \$10.00 to \$12.00 to start. Businesses will profit with professionals coming in to assist the treatment facility. The first 90 days is the most critical regarding financing. They are requesting \$10,000.00 from the county and city to get them through the credentialing 90 days when funds are not flowing in. Several types of funding exists for the treatment facility and the length of time an individual can

stay depends on the funding source. Kossin stated that Four County Mental Health will be a resource for their facility. The facility will be staffed 24/7. An adolescent facility may be in the future. Kossin will be the program director. This facility will purchase from local businesses for goods and services at every opportunity. Commissioners are pleased that this facility is moving into our community. Commissioners would need to discuss where funding can be acquired to assist in their start up process.

The Soil Conservation Board joined the meeting to discuss their budget request. The district presented their budget with a \$3,000.00 increase. The soil conservation district provides many services to land owners. There was discussion regarding many of the benefits the district provides. Stephen Dale and Casey Tillman joined the meeting. Commissioners thanked the Soil Conservation Board for their services.

Casey Tillman, SCKEDD and Stephen Dale, Rural Fire District #1 joined the meeting to discuss the possibilities of building a new fire barn in Cedar Vale. The ground was donated to Fire District #1 for the building. A CDBG grant is what they are looking at applying for their need. The County must file for this grant on behalf of the Fire District. A 25% match is required and has not been determined from where the match would come from. Dale offered some options that have been discussed for funding. Tillman and Dale will be back once the survey comes back and Fire District #1 meets the criteria for the CDBG Grant.

Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser joined the meeting to discuss department business. Hendren brought the legal update on the Tax Lid law for commissioners to review. There are several issues in this bill that causes him concern for our citizens. Nona Ross joined the meeting. The new law starts July 1, 2016. The effect on valuations will be significant and needs to be reviewed for our budget process. Commissioners asked to review the documentation and request Hendren to attend the next meeting for further discussion.

Nona Ross joined the meeting to ask when commissioners will review the road conditions at her house because of the flooding that has entered her home. The north ditch on Rd 19 has never been cleaned out and water floods her yard. If the ditch was cleaned out to drain to the culvert there would not be water in her home. Commissioners will discuss the road needs and have issues addressed as directed by the Road & Bridge Supervisor.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head joined the meeting to discuss department business. Kline brought April and May monthly reports for commission review. Jeremy Hendren joined the meeting as an observer. Commissioners asked about dumpsters.

Goff Searl made a motion to go into executive session with Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser present for 10 minutes at 10:50 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 11:00 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Chairman Searl requested that the City on the Hill Women's Treatment Facility project and Sheriff Richard Newby discussion on signatures at the bank be placed on the agenda for June 21, 2016.

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

Fund	Amount
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General	\$26,979.19
Election	\$188.51
Health	\$1,986.42
Noxious Weed	\$14,775.86
Road & Bridge	\$36,911.90
Special Machinery	\$105,096.00
County 911	\$982.89
Solid Waste	\$6,681.87
Attorney's Diversion Fund	\$421.95
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$194,024.59</b>

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 11:20 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

ATTEST:

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Janice A. Fine, County Clerk