

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 21, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, June 21, 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: Goff Searl made a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2016 as presented. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed the need for the door to the roof from the Clerk's Office. Installing the door was to satisfy liability issues as the prior access was climbing through a window over top the units to access three air units that reside on that rooftop. Commission offered the roof would be a more appropriate place for employee smokers as the public has shown concern with smokers near public entrances.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided commissioners with his weekly road report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Bronco east of Elgin, West out of Elgin on Dalton, Rd 22 and Quivira, Rd 29 and Heritage, Rd 30 and Indian south, Kansas and Rd 30 east, Rd 29 and Ranch south, Rd 30 north of HWY 166. Haden will meet with Land Management to request another day's work of chipping and removing trees over the roadways. Haden stated that truck #57 was involved in a roll-over accident. The vehicle appears to be a loss. The employee was seen at the hospital and released. The accident was discussed in detail. Road and Bridge equipment was discussed. Commission discussed road issues with Haden.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor brought information regarding the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Cedar Vale project. City of Cedar Vale attorney has requested a few modifications to the MOU. Commission tabled the MOU until the next meeting.

Commissioner Williams received a call from Sheriff Newby last night and Sheriff is in agreement regarding the signatures on the bank accounts. Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting. Danny Williams made a motion to remove the following names from the Sheriff Inmate and Forfeiture accounts at the Bank of Sedan: Rita Tolbert, Perry Russell and Lisa Hudson. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Danny Williams made a motion to add the following names to the Sheriff Inmate and Forfeiture accounts at the Bank of Sedan: Richard Newby, Amy Goode and Wendy Kirchner. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed the request from the new Women's Treatment Facility from The City on the Hill. Commissioners request further information prior to a financial commitment. We need all the jobs we can get in Chautauqua County. Item is tabled until the first meeting in July.

Chairman Searl recessed the commission meeting for 10 minutes at 9:30 a.m. Commissioners walked the courthouse lawn to review the tree removal and trimming needs with Maintenance Supervisor Rodger Green. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:40 a.m. Chairman Searl made a motion to approve the bid with McNown Tree Trimming for the courthouse complex. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sue Kill joined the meeting to thank commissioners for their help with the Yellow Brick Road Festival and the Blues Festival. Kill brought information regarding SCKEDD and grant writing. While SCKEDD doesn't charge for writing the grant they do receive funds for administering the grant. Kill urges commissioners to engage the Economic Development Committee to begin

exploring and creating a plan for Chautauqua County. Kill offered information on Re-Imagine Sedan for a site visit for a state grant on health. Blue Cross and Blue Shield is the sponsor for the grant.

Sheriff Newby joined the meeting. Sheriff needed to discuss an issue regarding a meeting from the night before. Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor talked about the comments that she made for clarification. Chairman offered the information he heard from that meeting as well. Sheriff made it clear that he is responsible for Sheriff Officer training and it is in fact some of the best around. Ritthaler apologized for her words being taken out of context and explained the true meaning.

Jane Osburn and Wayne Chism joined the meeting to discuss delinquent taxes on property that Chism sold to Osburn in 2003. Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting. Osburn offered information regarding the property that she purchased from Chism in 2003. Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor offered an explanation of how property makes it to a tax sale. Tax sales were not held on a regular basis in many prior years. Osburn offered that 13 years without notice that taxes were owed seems unreasonable. When this property sold it was combined to existing property that Osburn owned and a new tax id was created which is common but needs special attention to close out the old tax id which didn't happen. Ritthaler stated that notification was the responsibility of the prior treasurer. The deed was filed on November 25, 2003. Ritthaler will research based on the circumstances regarding the penalties.

Joe O'Rourke, New Beginnings President/CEO and Tara Cunningham, CDDO Director joined the meeting to provide commissioners with their 2017 budget request. New Beginnings asks for continued funding at the 2016 level of \$20,000.00. O'Rourke and Cunningham discussed the number of Chautauqua County individuals who receive services. State funding possibilities was discussed. Commissioners stated they appreciate what New Beginnings provides to Chautauqua County residents. O'Rourke commented on how great it is to work with current commissioners.

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