

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 30, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Thursday, June 30, 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 June 21, 2016 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Searl brought information regarding trucks on Rd 2 and Chairman relayed the information to Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent. Jack Carpenter brought information on the Cook Bridge progress.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent was unavailable to meet with commissioners.

Chairman Searl brought information to commissioners that a department presented bills without receipts. Commissioners will send a letter requesting receipts for all bills to be paid.

Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator brought information regarding the Health Department pharmacist responsibilities. Blankinship has talked to James Campbell from the Sedan Pharmacy for his oversight of their pharmacy. Blankinship brought a contract. Danny Williams made a motion to approve the contract with James Campbell for pharmacy oversight for the Health Department. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Blankinship is expecting an office review today and will bring the report as soon as she receives it. Blankinship reported on her newest employee and is very pleased. Blankinship stated that she no longer can participate in the New Beginnings Board. Nona Ross joined the meeting. Blankinship brought information from a conference regarding the Zika virus and steps necessary to be ready when it appears in Chautauqua County. There was lengthy discussion on how the virus is contracted. Blankinship provided commissioner's with her monthly report. Blankinship wanted to publicly acknowledge the support provided to her by Wendy Kirchner, Deputy County Clerk. The new grant year begins July 1, 2016 and Blankinship brought information on the grants that have been awarded. State funding is up in the air on several issues and this concerns most Health Departments. Blankinship will bring more information to commissioners as it becomes available. The Senior Care Act was cut drastically and this will impact the budget but Blankinship has moved things to counteract the reduced funding.

Nona Ross joined the meeting to discuss the lack of modifications to the road or installation of a culvert to accommodate the water flow when it rains. There was discussion regarding the area in question as Danny Williams has reviewed the area. Williams will talk with Joel Haden next week and discuss a solution for the area. Ross is willing to do whatever is necessary to assist with a solution. Jean Kurtis Schodorf joined the meeting as an observer.

Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting to discuss on line banking. Goode states the bank needs commissioners to authorize on-line access. Danny Williams made a motion to approve the on-line banking with Bank of Sedan and request the Chairman to sign. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Goode brought bank reconciliation

information to commissioners. Commissioners ask that information be brought to the next meeting regarding the county cd's.

Chairman Searl brought positive information from a few citizens who were pleased with the services provided from the Treasurer's Office. Reta Phiper joined the meeting as an observer.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Received a letter from KAC asking the commissioners to identify their voting delegate for the November Conference. Fine requested the decision wait until after the Primary Election. 2) Informed commissioners that the July Abstract had been submitted and approved by the State of Kansas well in advance of the due date of July 15, 2016.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor brought the revised memorandum of understanding that was developed with discussion with the City of Cedar Vale attorney. Danny Williams made a motion to sign the MOU with the City of Cedar Vale to assist with removal of debris from demolishing homes in Cedar Vale to their state approved dump site. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Searl called for a recess for 6 minutes at 9:35 a.m. Jack Carpenter made a motion to recess for 10 minutes. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman called the regular meeting back in session at 9:41 a.m.

Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser joined the meeting to discuss the new tax lid bill. Hendren has not received any more information from the state. Hendren is concerned that if values drop below the CPI he is concerned that the county can't generate revenue to counter act. There was concern regarding ag land versus vacant. There was discussion regarding oil prices. Oil has gone from \$85 to \$55 to \$35 in the past three years. Ag is on an eight year roll. The number of mills is the concern. The fact is commissioners have to anticipate at least 18 months out. The bill would make more since if it was based on something else. Chairman Searl wants numbers representing vacant that will or has moved to ag. There is a difference between market value versus appraised ag land. There was discussion regarding the work being done at Sedan Floral. Hendren will provide value numbers to commissioners.

Cindi Weaver joined the meeting to discuss department business. Weaver thanked commissioners for the new lighting that was installed. Weaver asked where the project was for sound proofing of offices in District Court. Weaver explained her understanding of what needs to be done. Commissioners will meet with Rodger Green, Maintenance Supervisor to get this project completed.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor asked commissioners to schedule the public hearing for the tax abatement program's application for Sedan Floral. Danny Williams made a motion to schedule a public hearing regarding approval of the tax abatement program for Sedan Floral 6:00 p.m. on July 14, 2016 in the courtroom at the courthouse. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Rodger Green, Maintenance Supervisor joined the meeting to discuss soundproofing the jury room. Commissioners asked Green to check with the successful bidder and if they are not going to provide the service then contact another contractor.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for attorney/client privilege with Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor and Rodger Green, Maintenance Supervisor present at 10:13 a.m. for 13 minutes. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:26 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser brought information regarding values which doesn't reflect as deep a concern as it possibly could have. There was discussion or regulations that should be on ag land.

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

Fund	Amount
General	\$15,597.87
Equipment Reserve	\$9,242.10
Ambulance#1	\$4,043.75
Ambulance #2	\$13,233.33
Appraiser	\$1,579.82
Election	\$9.32
Employee Benefit	\$1,695.02
Health	\$3,203.07
Noxious Weed	\$10,554.60
Road & Bridge	\$48,590.82
Special Bridge	\$598.00
Juvenile Detention	\$1,733.00
Solid Waste	\$1,119.33
Treasurer's Auto	\$29.55
TOTAL Expenditures	\$111,229.58

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 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
