

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

July 5, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, July 5, 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: Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of June 30, 2016 as presented. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided commissioners with his weekly road report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: West side of Elgin going west 2 miles to the Caney River Bridge, Rd 19 and Kansas going north, Rd 5 and Union west ¼ mile, Bronco and Rd 29. Culverts installed at Rd 22 and Valley ¼ mile west and Grafton and Rd 23 one mile east. Rd 5 and 166 Hwy going south repaired two culverts. Cattle guard welded at Foster Quarry. Haden will prepare a list for purple wave for auction for commissioners to review. Haden identified several areas that will be worked this week. Haden was called out over the weekend because of the storm. Commissioners identified a few road areas for Haden to review.

Tony Young with Caterpillar stopped by to visit with commissioners. Haden stated that his maintenance program is working well for the county. Young discussed the rebuilding option with their program. Commissioners asked Young questions for understanding.

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Senator Moran will hold a town hall meeting in the commission room on Friday, July 8, 2016 from noon to 1:00 p.m. 2) There was a suspense voter list making the rounds on social media. Most individuals on the list still need to provide proof of citizenship. Notice has been placed on the county website. 3) Commissioners received a comment from Amy Dickens Lampson July 1, 2016 asking what the fire marshal had to say about smoking on the roof. We responded that the fire marshal has access to the courthouse complex at any time and offered her to meet with commissioners. Lampson declined. Susan Gehring from the State Fire Marshal's Office arrived in my office on that date at 12:45 p.m. Inspected the roof top and stated that roof was fire retardant and we were in compliance. Gehring would complete her report and notify the complainant on the outcome.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor brought information regarding the delinquent taxes on property from 2013 forward that was discussed at the last meeting. Ritthaler has contacted the individual who needs to file with the Board of Tax Appeals. The Tax Abatement Public Meeting has been scheduled for July 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. We do not know who will be representing Sedan Floral at that meeting. Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes at 9:28 a.m. with Amy Goode, Treasurer to discuss non-elected personnel. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:38 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session. Sheriff Newby joined the meeting.

Amy Goode, Treasurer provided funding information as requested from the meeting on June 30, 2016. Goode brought information regarding our investments and how funds flow in and out. Sales tax on the jail was compared to the same time last year and it is slowing down. Collection and pay off of the jail bond was discussed.

Commissioners asked Sheriff Newby to attend this meeting to discuss departmental business. Rd 2 was discussed. An issue at Belknap was briefly discussed.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes with Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor in attendance to discuss attorney/client privilege at 10:03 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:23 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Commissioners discussed budgets received. Chairman Searl asked that budget review be placed on the next agenda for one hour and to call the auditor to ask when he would be available to review budgets with commissioners.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 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

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Janice A. Fine, County Clerk