

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 12, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, July 12, 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 July 5, 2016 as presented. Jack Carpenter 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: Crews worked channel maintenance at Rd 6 and Frontier (rock and ditch liner was used), washouts have been worked in many areas. Trees were cut at HWY 166 and Rd 26. A culvert was replaced on the Independence shortcut. The new mower deck and arm for the mower has been installed. A check has been received for the truck accident. Danny Williams made a motion to deposit those funds in the special machinery fund. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Crews work on machinery during rainy days. Haden identified a few areas that crews will work as soon as the weather allows. Commissioners identified where road signs need to be replaced. There was discussion on road conditions where there's a lot of traffic.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to bring travel requests from county employees. Commission approved the travel request. Wade brought the KWORCC open claims report to commissioners. Wade explained the definition of open claims.

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) A letter received from the Kansas Department of Revenue regarding the 2016 Legislative Summary defining House Bill 2088.

Commissioners read and discussed a comment from a citizen.

There was general discussion regarding the public meeting on July 14, 2016 for the tax abatement program.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes at 9:15 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Crystal Wade, HR Administrator present. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:20 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

A letter was received from the House on the Hill requesting funding for their start up process. House on the Hill would be considered non-profit. Commissioners discussed the positive and negative to funding their request.

Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser joined the meeting. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session with Hendren to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes at 9:30 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:45 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for attorney client privilege with Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor present at 9:47 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:52 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Commissioners reviewed each budget presented for budget year 2017. Ruth Ritthaler left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 11:04 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