

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 29, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Friday, July 29, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioner Jack Carpenter and Danny Williams were present as was County Clerk Janice A. Fine. Danny Williams opened the meeting with prayer. Reta Pipher joined the meeting as observer.

Minute's approval: Danny Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2016 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners briefly discussed the Cook Bridge Project. Chairman Searl brought pictures to show to the other commissioners. This project will be completed within the next three weeks.

Chairman Searl had visited with Jack Zimmerman regarding the counties property where the dumpsters are located and shared this information with the other commissioners.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to discuss department business. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes with Wade present to discuss non-elected personnel at 8:40 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 8:50 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session. Danny Williams made a motion for an employee to use accumulated vacation leave for surgery. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Searl read a letter commissioners received from the State of Kansas that our appraiser is in compliance.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to resend Resolution 2016-04. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Danny Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-05 for the Tax Abatement Program. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Greg Hennen, Executive Director of Four County Mental Health Center joined the meeting. The Board of Directors needs to fill a vacancy. Hennen suggests Karen Everhart to serve on this board. Danny Williams made a motion to appoint Karen Everhart to the Four County board. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following information to commissioners: 1) An email from Jenny Keeley. Reta Pipher brought information regarding this issue. 2) Information regarding a lawsuit that has been filed that the commission has an interest in. 3) A copy of a Performance Audit Report that commissioners have an interest in. 4) The Southeast Kansas District Fall Meeting information to be held in Greenwood County on August 26, 2016.

Commissioners began reviewing department budgets that were presented for 2017. The discussion is how to provide adequate budgets without a major levy increase as other counties have.

Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator joined the meeting to ask approval for the Health Nurse at USD 285 Cedar Vale. Goff Searl made a motion to approve the contract for a School Health Nurse at USD 285 Cedar Vale and sign the document. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The State acknowledged that her submission of grants was the example for other counties to complete. Great Job Annie! Commissioners discussed the Health Department 2017 budget proposal.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head joined the meeting to discuss department business. Ed McClure joined the meeting as well. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session at 10:30 a.m. with Kline and McClure for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:45 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session. McClure left the meeting. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes at 10:45 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Kline and Crystal Wade, HR Administrator. 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. Kline offered that this month the additional \$25.00 will be added to delinquent accounts. Kline discussed the issues with mail delivery at her home and that the whistle is not long enough to meet the safety of the mail delivery person.

Commissioners continued discussion regarding the budgets.

There was discussion with Reta Pipher regarding the tax sale and how commissioners might be helping to bring in new citizens. Pipher suggests all government entities work together to create a packet of information for folks who come to our county for events to encourage them to move to our county.

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

Fund	Amount
General	\$16,894.48
Ambulance#1	\$4,043.75
Ambulance #2	\$13,233.33
Appraiser	\$1,112.23
Council on Aging	\$10,491.25
Fire District #8	\$2,525.25
Fire District #5	\$1,664.00
Election	\$559.91
Fire District #1	\$6,758.00
Fire District #2	\$4,647.50
Fire District #3	\$4,182.00
Fire District #4	\$9,849.25
Fire District #6	\$1,071.50
Health	\$1,991.73
Mental Health	\$7,500.00
Mental Retardation	\$5,000.00
Noxious Weed	\$3,759.65
Road & Bridge	\$28,397.55
Solid Waste	\$1,424.48

TOTAL Expenditures	\$125,105.86
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Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 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