

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

August 2, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, August 2, 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. Niki Collier joined the meeting as an observer. Danny Williams opened the meeting with prayer.

Minute's approval: Danny Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of July 29, 2016 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road and Bridge Superintendent gave his weekly road report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Rd 19 and Nation, Rd 29 and Prairie, Rd 23 and Quivira going north, Rd 25 and Indian, Rd 28/29 on Union. A culvert was installed near Marshall and Rd 5. An entrance will be worked at Valley and Rd 22. A ditch was repaired and several culverts installed at Rd 31 and Union. Ditch maintenance was completed on Dalton and Rd 12. Haden discussed the possibility of acquiring 911 signs. Haden isn't sure we would qualify for the free signs. Cathy Sanders, Office Manager will research and Haden will bring back information at the next meeting. Commissioners asked Haden to review several road areas. A bridge needs to be reviewed for possible repair. The fence will be going up around the dumpsters in Cedar Vale soon. Commissioners and Haden discussed the culvert that was installed at Linda Kline's mailbox. Haden will review with the mail carrier to see what they need and then determine next steps. Commissioners offered that KCAMP has \$2,000.00 available every year for safety purchases.

Chairman Searl made a motion to appoint Henry Chinn to Fire Board #1. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl asked that a letter be sent to appoint him from commissioners.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for attorney client privilege for 15 minutes at 8:45 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:00 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes with Ritthaler for attorney client privilege for 10 minutes at 9:00 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:10 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Chairman Searl received a letter asking for monetary support for the Cedar Vale Rodeo. Danny Williams made a motion to sponsor the Cedar Vale Rodeo for \$100.00. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Charity Kossin and Chris Lund from House on the Hill joined the meeting to address the commissioners. There are issues regarding fire protection for their business. Shawn Butler, Fire Chief City #4 has been most helpful. The inspection must take place prior to receiving their license. They have attended service at the Christian Church. House on the Hill is ready to go but they need the fire inspection before they can move forward. The expectation is to have residents by September 1, 2016. Residents are a mixture of voluntary or through the courts. They have hired four local citizens already. House on the Hill asked about their budget request. Commissioners are reviewing the budget which is limited at best. Lund offered he is looking for bucket calves to run on the acreage they have.

Nona Ross joined the meeting to discuss the ditch issues on Rd 19. Haden will review the area today. Ross asked why we don't have flood insurance. There was discussion regarding the process and why the county does not participate. There was general discussion on flooded property in Chautauqua County. Sheriff Newby, Larry Robinette and Kayla Stong joined the meeting. Commissioners advised Ross that after Haden reviews the land they will get in contact with her on the solution. Trash in the ditch on Rd 19 was discussed with commissioners and Sheriff Newby.

Sheriff Newby and department staff wished to discuss their budget requests. There was discussion on insurance costs for all departments that the sheriff manages. Robinette asked that the contractual line item be increased for insurance and computer issues. There was overall budget request questions and answers from commissioners and Sheriff's department staff. KCAMP invoice was brought in to review. Commissioners asked about the used vehicle purchased several months ago. Commissioners asked questions of understanding. Girard contract needs to be changed and commissioners asked Sheriff Newby if he was aware and asked for his input on where minors would be housed. Robinette offered that transport costs are increasing as the need is for deputy type individuals rather than regular reserve individuals because of safety issues. Sheriff indicated that the state has placed a larger burden on his staff to provide services the state no longer provides. Commissioners asked Sheriff to research the facility for juveniles as it would be a cost savings for the county. Sheriff will work with commissioners as best he can to hold costs down. Robinette stated he has worked here for 8 years and this is by far the best he's had especially with all the qualified staff. Niki Collier left the meeting.

Tim Nordell joined the meeting as an observer. Commissioners discussed 2017 budget proposals to determine possible savings.

Chairman Searl called for a ten minute recess at 10:30 a.m. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:40 a.m.

Commissioners continue with budget request information. Tim Nordell left the meeting. Amy Goode, Treasurer joined the meeting to discuss budget with commissioners.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners. There was an issue with the media used in the election equipment at the North Sedan Polling place. Plan B was put in place and everything was corrected by 7:30 a.m.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 11:47 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