

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 8, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 9:00 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. Rodney Shaw was present as an observer.

Minute's approval: Danny Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 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 between Nation and Prairie, Rd 29 and Union, Rd 5 and Prairie, Heritage and Rd 21 going north. A culvert was installed near Economy Manufacturing. An entrance was worked near Rd 22 and Valley. A wood plank was replaced on bridge 1-13A (Rd 9 and 166 Hwy). Chairman showed Haden another plank that needs to be replaced on a bridge as viewed from a photo on his phone. Posts were installed for the fence around the dumpsters at Cedar Vale. One pole was damaged and needs to be replaced. Chairman asked Haden to review particular roads regarding the rocks. Haden suggests a rock picker would do the best job at a cost of \$18,000.00. Haden explained the current process. Commissioner Carpenter mentioned particular roads that need to be reviewed. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes with Haden present to discuss non-elected personnel at 9:10 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:15 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jenny McDaniel, Extension joined the meeting to discuss the possibility of storing supplies in the old jail. McDaniel needs to store several totes in that area. Commissioners approve of the storage request.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting to provide commissioners with employee travel requests. Commissioners approved the travel requests. Jack Carpenter made a motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor, Janice A. Fine, County Clerk and Crystal Wade, HR Administrator in attendance. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:45 a.m. No action taken as a result of the executive session. Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes with Ritthaler, Fine and Wade in attendance to discuss non-elected personnel. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:55 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session. Danny Williams made a motion to approve the purchase of a small multifunction device for Human Resources. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners wished to discuss the employee benefit fund with Crystal Wade, HR Administrator. The increase in state health plan versus employee increase in costs was discussed. Jack Carpenter made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Crystal Wade present at 10:05 a.m. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 10:20 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Chairman Searl brought information to other commissioners regarding a discussion with the Sheriff's Department. There was discussion on recovering funds when emergency entities participate in accidents. Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor has asked for clarification on the resolution they feel they need.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator brought information for employee benefits to commissioners as requested.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Dept. Head joined the meeting to discuss her driveway. The mail carrier prefers the mailbox remain where it is and the area fixed. Commissioner Carpenter talked to Haden about the expected fix.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor attended a conference and brought information to commissioners.

Commissioners continue to discuss budget proposals and options they wish the auditor to present for review.

Chairman Searl called for a recess until 11:10 a.m. while they wait for Rodney Burns, CPA.

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Rodney Burns, CPA joined the meeting to discuss cuts to the 2017 proposed budget. Commissioners asked for several variation possibilities for the 2017 Chautauqua County budget. Commissioners reviewed all options and agreed on budget sample #2. Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve Budget sample #2. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Budget resolution will be published in this week's paper and the Public Hearing scheduled for August 23, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 12:15 p.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