

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 16, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, August 16, 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 Canvass of the Election minutes of August 8, 2016 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Danny Williams made a motion to approve the commission meeting minutes of August 8, 2016 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided his weekly road report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Rd 8 and Kansas, Prairie and Rd 4, Rd 30 and Union, Rd 2 and Quivira going west, Rd 21 and Bronco east of Chautauqua and Ranch and Rd 4. A culvert was installed west of Elgin on the north side. Culvert maintenance was completed on Rd 31 and Independence Rd one mile north. Trees were trimmed west of Elgin. The Cook Bridge was opened on Ranch and Rd 4 last Wednesday. Haden advised that the Bridge Inspector for the Cook Bridge Project will be joining a commission meeting at a later date to discuss bridge inspections. There was discussion regarding road signs. Commissioners asked Haden to review several road issues. Haden had the mower in the shop for several weeks in Wichita and he is not confident that their work was acceptable. The easement for the Cook Bridge Project was discussed. The type of grass seed planted on the easement was discussed.

Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator joined the meeting. Blankinship brought up the 90 day employee review on her most recent employee. Blankinship is pleased. The drive through flu clinic is scheduled for September 30, 2016. Flu clinic is scheduled for Cedar Vale at the Peoples Place. Date will be determined later. Blankinship discussed a Family Planning extra grant funding that they received. Items have been purchased from these funds. Moisture is causing issues in the entryway to the Health Department. Commissioners will talk to Rodger Green, Maintenance Supervisor to install a few vents. Blankinship asks to close the Health Department to attend a funeral. Commission approves.

The surplus office items in the basement was discussed. Commissioner Carpenter will check with an auctioneer for the surplus sale.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Documentation for the Waste Connection meeting. 2) Documentation for the meeting with Cody Collier. 3) Health Department deposit report.

Ruth Ritthaler advised commissioners that she will be vacating the third floor office.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for attorney/client privilege with Ruth Ritthaler for 15 minutes at 9:43 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion

carried 3-0. Chairman Searl called the regular meeting back in session at 9:58 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Cody Collier joined the meeting to discuss the commissioner's appointment to the SE Regional Homeland Security Council. Danny Williams made a motion to appoint Cody Collier to the board. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Janice Fine was asked to create the letter of appointment.

Glen Garretson and Brian Cummings with Waste Connections joined the meeting to discuss possible trash service with Chautauqua County. Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head joined the meeting to assist with department information. Kline offered the current process. Waste Connections discussed their process and what they offer Chautauqua County. Commissioners asked questions of understanding. Commissioners need to discuss among themselves what best serves our citizens. Waste Connections is the second largest waste company in the world. Kline offered her opinion based on her years of experience. Commissioners discussed the possibilities with Kline.

David Bohannon joined the meeting via phone to ask to whom he needed to talk with regarding what the City of Cedar Vale pays for Fire #1. Bohannon was advised to speak with the City of Cedar Vale.

Janice Fine, County Clerk offered that in prior minutes The City of Sedan Fire was referred to as Fire District #4. Fire District #4 is rural fire with Brad Harder as the chief. The City of Sedan Fire is a separate entity governed by the City of Sedan and the chief is Shawn Butler.

Janice Fine asked what the plan was for funding for House on the Hill. Commissioners stated that due to budget restraints Chautauqua County is unable to assist with funding.

Rodger Green, Maintenance Supervisor joined the meeting to discuss surplus items that need to be scheduled for the auction. Green was also asked to review the Health Department entry for repair.

Green talked with commissioners regarding planting of trees on the courthouse complex. Commission advised Green to call dig safe and Commissioner Williams would dig the holes on Friday.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the mid-month expenditures for August 2016 as follows:

Fund	Amount
General	\$15,503.54
Appraiser	\$1,803.81
Election	\$3,697.14
Health	\$1,703.86
Noxious Weed	\$11.00
Road & Bridge	\$5,716.50
County 911	\$782.21

Solid Waste	\$5,344.50
TOTAL Expenditures	\$34,562.56

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Goff Searl 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