

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 20, 2016

Chairman Goff Searl called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioners 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. Bryan Satterlee joined the meeting as an observer.

Minute's approval: Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2016 as presented. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Crystal Wade, HR Administrator joined the meeting as an observer.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent gave his weekly report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Rd 26 and Independence Shortcut, Rd 29 and Prairie south, Rd 12 and Kansas north, Rd 12 and Junction east, Rd 2 and Gallop south. A right of way was worked at Rd 2 and Ranch and Rd 2 and Saddle. A culvert was installed at Rd 5 and Kansas ½ mile east. There was discussion on a bridge embankment. Commissioners asked Haden to review a few road issues.

Bryan Satterlee, former Road & Bridge employee, talked with commissioners regarding his tardy attendance which resulted in his dismissal. Satterlee asked commissioners to reconsider his termination. Jack Carpenter made a motion to go into executive session for 25 minutes at 8:50 a.m. with Crystal Wade, HR Administrator and Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor present to discuss non-elected personnel. Danny Williams 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. Satterlee feels he was singled out by Haden. Commissioners stated they must be fair to all employees and would not reconsider his request.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator brought employee travel requests for commission approval. Commission approved. Wade stated she would be out of the office this afternoon attending the State Health Plan Training in Chanute.

Chairman Searl brought information regarding the Seaman property. June 22, 2016 was the deadline for the gate to be opened. Ruth Ritthaler offered information regarding this issue. Chairman Searl will contact Michael to advise him to open the gate. Wade left the meeting.

Sheriff Newby, Larry Robinette and Kayla Stong joined the meeting to discuss Sheriff Department business. Sheriff and Commissioners discussed the acquisition of equipment from the diversion fund that was denied at the last meeting. The commission will approve any acquisition so long as the appropriate steps are followed. Commission asked that the purchase follow the resolution in place. Sheriff discussed the 2014 pickup that was hit by a large deer and did \$8,000.00 damage and blew every airbag in the vehicle. Sheriff is working with KCAMP regarding the accident. Sheriff is working with Sedgwick County on housing some of their prisoners. Sheriff will need to meet some requirements before this can take place. If our jail is full there is a possibility of needing to house some of our prisoners in Elk County temporarily. This is still a savings. A medical requirement needs to be reviewed. All medical for housed prisoners would be paid by the owning county. Robinette discussed the additional costs to house out of county prisoners and how the department is not receiving any of those funds. County Clerk advised that a resolution should be put in place, agreed by the commission and Sheriff, to share the funds received from other entities for out of county housed prisoners. Clete Hudson, Kansas Communications and Wendy Kirchner, Deputy County Clerk joined the meeting. Robinette stated the new server and CAD system will benefit the Sheriff's Department. All items will be searchable rather than housing paper documents. Fire and EMS records will be linked along with Sedan and Cedar Vale Police

Departments. Eighty other agencies are connected as well. The new system cost is @ \$30,000.00 and a new server for @ \$11,000.00. A user fee will be paid each year per employee and those costs will be paid out of 911 funds. Robinette stated that in 2018 ATT will be VoIP. The 911 Console has 2 wired lines that will have to be replaced perhaps @ \$20,000.00. Robinette brought a lot of valuable information to commissioners regarding the 911 system and what the expected 911 tax generates. Sheriff stated that the department phones with Kansas Communications have continued to be non-compatible with the 911 system. Robinette talked about the 911 issues that must be resolved. Clete Hudson, Ks. Communication's addressed the issues. Kirchner stated that she has asked many times if there were any issues and the Sheriff's Department would not provide that information. Robinette stated that he would not go through the Clerk's Office for any 911 issue and if that were the case the county would need to hire a new 911 Director. Sheriff requests to sever ties with Kansas Communications and return to AT&T land lines knowing that AT&T will be moving to VoIP in 2018. Robinette stated he felt that the AT&T VoIP equipment would integrate with the 911 system with greater ease when it happens. Hudson agreed to a smooth transition from Kansas Communications to AT&T for the Sheriff's Department. The Courthouse and other offices will remain with Ks. Communications.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head brought information to commissioners regarding the land where the Cedar Vale dumpsters are located. Chairman Searl would prefer that three lots of that land be sold. All commissioners agreed. Kline is to put a For Sale sign on the unused property and receive calls in the selling process. Kline brought corrected monthly reports to commissioners for May through August as her discrepancies have been corrected after in-depth research. While the initial issues was a payment sent to an incorrect vendor and then from an account Kline didn't want the funds reduced from by the A/P process there were multiple issues from the Solid Waste side which had to be corrected. The Solid Waste accounts have been balanced.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) A request to pay out the Special Parks and Recreation and Special Alcohol Funds to entities. 2) A signature acknowledging Janice Fine as the voting delegate for KWORCC. 3) Information on Civic Day last Friday. 4) How funds would be distributed from the surplus sale. Commissioners stated if a department knows the item belongs to them then it goes to their reimbursement fund. If unknown then it goes into the Commission equipment reserve and departments can ask for them to pay for necessary equipment for office function.

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