

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 9, 2017

Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chairman Goff Searl at 9:00 A.M. with Jack Carpenter, Rodney Shaw and County Clerk Niki Collier present. Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor was also in attendance.

Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Rudy Taylor, Janice Fine, Annetta Kelly, and several others observed.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve the January 3, 2017 minutes as presented. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent provided his weekly report and answered question for new commissioner Rodney Shaw.

The Commissioners discussed the Reorganization of the Board for 2017 and made the following appointments:

Rodney Shaw made a motion for Jack Carpenter to be the 2017 Chairman, Goff Searl seconded. Motion passed. Jack Carpenter abstained.

Commission Chairman -	Jack Carpenter
Official County Newspaper -	The Prairie Star
Official Commission Meeting Day -	Monday (to begin January 23, 2017) and the last working day of the month
Official Depositories -	First National Bank of Sedan and Bank of Sedan
Chautauqua County Fair Board	
District One -	Kylee Downing Jones
District Two -	Dennis Bever
District Three -	Ryan Hubert
Four County Mental Health Board -	Richard Newby and 1 vacant position
County Planning Board -	Crystal Wade
County Economic Development Board	

District One - Allen Zadorozny
Bill McKinley
Faye Melton

District Two - Nita Jones
J.D. Rector
Vernon Huguenot
Tim Nordell

District Three - Joe Reed
Tom Wright
Mark Palmer

At Large - Ben Allen

SCKEDD Board - Sue Kill

Juvenile Correction Board - Mike Todd

Freedom of Information Officer - Ruth Ritthaler

Federal Compliance Officer - Ruth Ritthaler

KCAMP Board Representative - Niki Collier

Aging Board of Directors - Allen Moore

Community Corrections Board - Richard Newby

New Beginnings Board - Delbert E. Lampson and
Annie Blankinship

Fire District Boards

Fire District One - Parker Massey
Alfreda Speer
David Bohannon
Pat Kelley
Debbie Wall
Henry Chinn

Fire District Two - Kyle Finney
David Deal
Phillip Sweaney
Whitney Thompson
Brandon Thompson

Fire District Three - J.R. Wolfe

Don Dilley
Janet Hartley
Nathan Rees
Nick Reed
Cherie Henson
Bub Walker

Fire District Four -

Brad Harter – Chief
Irvin Hann – Asst Fire Chief
Marion Hann – Sec. – Treasurer
Cody Williams
Nathan Blankinship
Mike Armstrong

Fire District Five -

Jack Rutledge
Richard Hillburn
Keith Giesel
Tine Barker

Fire District Six -

Herb Beason
Dean Wolfe
David Monroe
Gary Cole
Steve Osburn
Jim Beason
Kendall Rollins
Amber Rollins
Norbert Neal

Fire District Eight -

Allen Moore
Dean Littrell
Leslie Talley
David Everhart
Jim Long

Rodney Shaw motioned to approve the appointments as listed, Jack Carpenter seconded. Motion approved 3-0

Motion made by Goff Searls to remove Danny Williams name from all signature card/bank accounts and to add Rodney Shaw. Jack Carpenter seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Rodney Shaw made a motion to remove Janice Fine and Wendy Kirchner from all signature card/bank accounts and to add Nicole (Niki) Collier and Rebecca (Becky) Smilko. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Rodney Shaw and Ruth Ritthaler had discussion about Ruth holding both, the county counselor and county attorney positions. Rodney had concerns about possible conflicts that could arise. Ruth explained that many counties in Kansas have one person in both positions.

Rodney Shaw inquired about having someone else trained to fill in for Crystal Wade, HR Administrator in the event she was unavailable to complete payroll. Crystal was asked to be at the next meeting to make suggestions.

Commissioners had discussion about unemployment claims with Crystal Wade.

Commissioners discussed the suggested changes to the employee handbook. Rodney Shaw made a motion to adopt the handbook as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Goff Searl motioned to adjourn at 10:20 and Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Goff Searl, Chairman, First District Commissioner

Rodney Shaw, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Niki Collier, County Clerk

