

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 23, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Monday, January 23rd at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room. Commissioners Goff Searl and Rodney Shaw were both present. As were County Clerk, Niki Collier and County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler. Commissioner Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioner Searls made a motion to approve the January 17th minutes as presented. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that in addition to road maintenance, the crews have hauled scrap iron and have made repairs to equipment. Mr. Haden is working with a property owner concerning damage to a lateral line during bridge construction.

In the continuing discussion about departments having a contingency plan, Commissioner Rodney Shaw asked Mr. Haden for the best contacts in his department. After some discussion, Mr. Haden made suggestions to the County Clerk, of the best people to call for direction, if he was unavailable.

Gary Hadley and Stephen Dale of Sedan Area EMS, spoke to commissioners about their equipment situation. They need to replace one ambulance, and are actively searching for funding and a quality replacement. Currently they staff with a paramedic on shift every day.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator brought travel request for Annie Blankinship, Head of Health Department.

Sue Kill is the Chautauqua County representative for SCKEDD. Mrs. Kill brought information for the Commissioners about programs available through SCKEDD. SCKEDD has a program to weatherize homes and another that will help fund new business startups. SCKEDD will also have a Youth Entrepreneur Challenge for Chautauqua County high school students, with a cash prize.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor, requested an executive session with commissioners. Commissioner Goff Searl moved, Commissioner Rodney Shaw seconded to recess into executive session with the County Counselor for attorney-client privilege for 15 minutes, to reconvene the open meeting in this room at 11:00. Motion carried 3-0

Back in regular session at 10:50, no action taken.

Commissioner Shaw moved and Commissioner Searl seconded for a recess to meet at the Sheriff Dept. at 11:00 AM for a presentation and tour of the building. Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Jack Carpenter reconvened the regular meeting at 11:00 AM in the Sheriff department.

During the presentation, County Clerk, Niki Collier stepped into an adjacent hallway for a drink of water, and continued to observe from there.

Commissioner Goff Searl motioned to adjourn at 12:35 Commissioner Shaw seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Rodney Shaw, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Chairman, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Niki Collier, County Clerk