

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 13, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Monday, February 13th 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 Searl made a motion to approve the February 6th minutes as presented. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported the crews have spread rock in the following areas; Rd 22 & Quivera, Independence shortcut between Rd 31 & Rd 32, Lariat between Rd 5 & Rd 6, Trail & Rd 14, Heritage & Rd 21, Marshall & Rd 5.

The bridge at Lariat & Rd 3 remains closed. Mr. Haden is waiting on a call from Kenny Blair the engineer for direction on how to proceed.

Commissioner Rodney Shaw revisited a discussion from a few weeks ago about a rock picker. Commissioner Shaw believes that there needs to be better progress on resolving this matter. Commissioner Searl agreed. After lengthy conversation, everyone agreed that equipment is needed to remove the larger rocks from the roadway after the graders have worked the roads. Commissioner Carpenter suggests getting information about lease agreements. Joel Haden will look into some options and present his findings to the Commissioners next week.

Commissioner Goff Searl addressed the need for reflectors on each end of the blade on the road graders. He also request when a school bus is traveling past, the grader operator move to the side of the road and turn the blade in for the bus to pass safely. Discussion then turned to the wind row down the middle of the road when grading and ways to handle it on the high traffic roads.

Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor, addressed a question about the plans for a delinquent tax sale.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator, brought travel request and a letter for approval that will be sent to county employees about the policy of holding and applying warrant checks to delinquent taxes beginning June 1st per KS statute 79-2012.

Sheriff Richard Newby joined the meeting at 9:20 at Commissioner Shaw's request. Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor requested an executive session for attorney client privilege in regards to an ongoing investigation. Commissioner Shaw made the motion for stated executive session to last for 15 minutes and Commissioner Searl seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Regular session resumed at 9:35 with no action from the executive session.

Carl Eyman, Deputy Administrator & Loss Prevention Manager from the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties presented Chautauqua County with the 3rd place award for Exceptional Loss Ratios for 2015. Commission Chairman Jack Carpenter accepted for the Commission.

County Clerk, Niki Collier, informed Commissioners of the completion of repairs on the Health Department roof.

Jeremy Hendren, County Appraiser, addressed the Commission. He would like approval for a 50 cent pay increase for his staff. They have successfully completed continuing education, as required. Commissioner Goff Searl moved and Commissioner Shaw seconded a 50 cent raise in pay as requested, effective this pay period. Motion passed 3-0.

Rodger Green, Maintenance Supervisor, presented the Commission with the annual assessment of the carpets throughout the court house. After a short discussion, Commissioners asked Rodger to bring it to their attention in November.

Jim Duncan, Noxious Weed department, brought his End of Year Reports for the State of Kansas. There was some discussion about warnings for Sericea Lespedeza.

Commissioner Rodney Shaw motioned for a 30 minute executive session for a discussion of non-elect personnel to protect the privacy of the personnel. Commissioner Searl seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 at 10:45AM.

Regular meeting resumed at 11:05 with no action taken.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the mid-month expenditures for February 2017 as follows:

Fund	Amount	Fund	Amount
General	\$31,966.49	Ambulance Dist #1	\$4091.00
Equipment Reserve	\$4000.00	Ambulance Dist #2	\$13,860.00
Appraiser	\$54.58	Fire District #8	\$5457.00
Council on Aging	\$20,900.00	Fire District #5	\$3500.00
Health	\$552.88	Fire District #1	\$8370.00
Mental Health	\$15,000.00	Fire District #2	\$9500.00
Intellectual Disabilities	\$10,000.00	Fire District #3	\$8863.50
Noxious Weed	\$7.30	Fire District #4	\$17300.00
Road & Bridge	\$5896.65	Fire District #6	\$2295.00
Special Bridge	\$5186.42		
County 911	\$741.52	TOTAL Expenditures	\$172,178.56
Solid Waste	\$4636.22		

Motion from Commissioner Shaw to adjourn at 11:25, seconded by Commissioner Searl, 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