

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 3, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioners Goff Searl, Commissioner Rodney Shaw, and County Clerk, Niki Collier were all present. Commissioner Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioner Shaw made a motion to approve minutes from March 31, 2017, as presented, Commissioner Searl gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported the crews have spread rock in the following areas; Rd 30 & Gallop, Rd 3 & Heritage, Rd 25 & Bronco, Rd 3 & Gallop, Rd 7 & Marshall, 23 & 24 on Bronco. Joel discussed with the Commission the best ways to improve a low water crossing around Rd 9 & Quivira. After much consideration a culvert appears to be the best way to proceed.

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to go into a 30 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to for privacy of the personal, Commissioner Searl gave a second and the motion passed 3-0 at 8:42 a.m. The meeting resumed open session at 9:11 a.m. with no action taken.

Commissioner Shaw raised concerns about the County's expense for a contractor. He questions the need for brush hogging at this time of year and a 3% increase in the contracted hourly wage. Commissioner Searl and Commissioner Carpenter were both pleased with the mowing and have observed trees trimmed in their areas, while Commissioner Shaw has not observed trimmed trees in the areas he has viewed. Commissioner Shaw suggested that Joel correct the overpayment, due to the fact that the 3% cost of living raise was intended for county employees and not contractors.

Karen Everhart, co-owner of Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, presented information regarding the foundation. She stated her and her husband moved to Chautauqua County in 2005 and invested in property that is now called Rainbow Meadows. Rainbow Meadows works with law enforcement and host clinics. Karen invited the Commissioners to visit the ranch and take a tour. She opened the presentation for questions about the foundation and Commissioner Shaw asked if Rainbow Meadows would be billing the county for the horses that were recently seized? Mrs. Everhart stated there was an invoice already billed to the Sheriff that included only 27 days of care for the horses that were later forfeited. Commissioner Shaw stated he would like to negotiate a better price for any future boarding. Karen stated that \$10 a day for animals that were placed in protective care is less than her expense.

Wayne Gudmonson KDOT District Engineer, Darrin Petrowsky KDOT Area Engineer and Kristy Kelly meet with the Commission for their annual visit. Commissioner Shaw addressed concerns about the need for shoulders on HWY 99. Mr. Gudmonson explained they are aware of the need, but the state lacks the funds for a widening project.

Jeremy Hendren, County Appraiser joined the meeting and Commissioner Carpenter moved for an executive session for the privacy of non-elected personnel with Jeremy present to last for 20 minutes. Commissioned Searl gave the second, motion passed 3-0 at 10:12 a.m. The meeting resumed open session at 10:32 a.m. with no action taken. Commissioners asked Crystal Wade of Human Resource to join the meeting and Commissioner Carpenter motioned to go into a 30 minute executive session for the privacy of nonelected personnel. Commissioned Searl gave the second, motion passed 3-0 at 10:35 a.m. The meeting resumed open session at 10:54 a.m. with no action taken.

The Commissioners each stated they have received phone calls from concerned citizens in regards to employees children in the building during business hours. Commissioner Shaw requested that Human Resource draft a policy for the Commissioner's to review in regards to prohibiting children in the work place.

Motion from Commissioner Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m., 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