

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 17, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Monday, April 17, 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 April 10, 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; Gallop at roads 30 and 32, Rd 32 & highway 166, and Quivira at roads 2 and 8. Mr. Haden gave a department update to the Commission.

Commissioner Jack Carpenter motioned to go into an executive session for attorney client privilege with County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler to discuss pending legal matters for 5 minutes. Commissioner Searl gave the second. Motion passed 3-0

Open meeting resumed at 8:45. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Niki Collier, County Clerk, gave a department update and notified them about upcoming training.

Commissioner Jack Carpenter moved to recess the regular meeting to canvass the vote of the 4th Congressional District Special Election. Commissioner Searl gave the second. Motion passed 3-0

Resumed regular meeting at 9:05.

County employees joined the meeting to continue the discussion about employee children in the courthouse. In attendance were, Jeremy Hendren, Annie Blankinship, Joleen Edens, Amy Goode, Dee Wade, Becky Smilko, April & Lance Carter, Laura Beeson, Roger Green. Tim Nordell also joined the meeting. Crystal Wade, HR Administrator, brought to the Board a new draft of the policy they had requested. Some employees expressed concerns about balancing their need for child care and other employees have concerns about children in the work place. Mr. Nordell reminded the Commission that most people live here because we are a small community. As such, we sometimes have children in our businesses and the courthouse. After hearing from all sides, the Commission asked Crystal Wade to contact KCAMP, the county's insurer, about possible liability and report back next week.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator, brought the quarterly KWORK open claims report for the commission to review.

Sheriff, Richard Newby brought a contract for renewal with Caney Valley Electric pertaining to the property rented from Donna Pfeiffer where the radio equipment is located. Sheriff Newby has agreed to purchase a fully equipped law enforcement vehicle from Cedar Vale.

Sharron Clark, Chautauqua Hills Abstract discussed her contract to research up to 50 properties at a time for delinquent tax sale. County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler suggests a new contract for this tax sale research. Commission asked Ms. Ritthaler to create the new contract, to be reviewed at the next meeting.

County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler, requests a copy of any contract and ample time for review, before it is presented to the Commission.

Motion from Commissioner Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 10:25, 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