

# **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 28, 2017**

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Friday, April 28, 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 17, 2017, with changes and the minutes for the Canvass of votes, also on April 17, 2017. Commissioner Searl gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent & employees from the road & bridge department joined the meeting to hear of any resolutions to the concerns about wage imbalance. In attendance were, Richard Hambleton, Mark McCall, David Stanton, Billy Goode, Damon Wolfe, Jennifer McNown. Mr. Haden informed them of the procedure to request a wage increase. Employees clarified that they are not requesting an increase in wages. Instead they would like to see a pay plan in place to prevent future conflict. HR Administrator, Crystal Wade spoke about a step pay plan that would include a job code or description. Commissioner Shaw encouraged Mr. Haden and the employees to begin working on a pay plan.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator, brought travel request for approval. Ms. Wade informed the Commission that KCAMP has taken up the discussion on children in the work place. She expects to hear from them today.

Commissioner Goff Searl spoke with Attorney General Derek Schmidt recently. Mr. Searl asked Mr. Schmidt if he saw a conflict with one person holding both the position of County Attorney and County Counselor. Mr. Schmidt sees no problem with it at this time. Commissioner Searl also discussed concealed carry in the courthouse with Mr. Schmidt. Derek Schmidt confirmed that concealed carry is allowed in county buildings, with exception of the courtroom and the jail, if other security measures are not in place.

Commissioner Shaw followed up with Joel Haden about what the correct hourly wage was to be for a contract worker.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department brought the Commissioners her monthly reports.

Annie Blankinship, Health Department, brought her monthly reports. She inquired about the progress of getting the exterior door on the Health Department replaced. And informed the Commissioners of a needed electrical repair in one of her offices.

Valdena Stevenson discussed her application for a fence viewing with the Commissioners.

Nina Campbell and Judy St. Clair, Counsel on Aging, invited the Commissioners to Senior Day on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Budget for the Council on Aging was also discussed.

Rodney Burns visited with the Commission about preparing the 2018 budget.

Amy Goode, Treasure, asked that a second signature be required on one of the bank accounts. Commissioner Shaw moved to add a two-signature requirement to the ACH account, Commissioner Searl gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioners asked Roger Green, Maintenance, to check into getting Health Department light switch fixed. And asked him to follow up on the bids for the exterior door at the Health Department.

County Counselor, Ruth Ritthaler joined the meeting.

County Clerk, Niki Collier, informed the Commission of a long standing overdue balance on the UMB credit card account and made a suggestion as to how to resolve the matter. Commissioner Searl moved to pay the balance as suggested and allow County Clerk to pay up to \$50 for any remaining balance in the new billing cycle to bring the balance to zero, Commissioner Shaw gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to recess the regular meeting for a tour of the courthouse with the County Clerk. Commissioner Searl gave the second. Motion passed 3-0 at 12:10

Returned to regular meeting at 1:00

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn at 1:05, Commissioner Searl seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Fund	Amount
General	\$16,480.69
Equipment Reserve	\$9,945.53
Appraiser	\$1,029.72
Election	\$617.04
Health	\$4,837.81
Employee Benefit	\$3,165.90
Juvenile Detention	\$1,764.00
Noxious Weed	\$2,483.48
Road & Bridge	\$25,022.83
Treasurer Auto	\$122.68
County 911	\$190.52
Solid Waste	\$4,968.90

<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	\$70,629.10
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Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

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Rodney Shaw, Second District Commissioner

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Jack Carpenter, Chairman, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Niki Collier, County Clerk