

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 8, 2017

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

Commissioner Searl made a motion to approve minutes from May 1, 2017 with corrections, Commissioner Shaw gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported the crews have spread rock in the following areas; Rd 22 & Lariat, Rd 11 & Marshall, Rd 22 & Independence shortcut. Crews cleared several trees from the road way after the last storm. Commissioners discussed areas of concern with Mr. Haden, he will look into them.

Discussion continued about placing a cattle guard on a county road. Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor, needs more information from the landowners before she can properly advise the Commission.

Charity Kossin with City on the Hill, updated the Commission about the treatment facility. She asked for consideration when the County budget is prepared.

County Counselor Ruth Ritthaler has heard from landowners in regard to a fence viewing. She suggest setting a date for the viewing, so that she may notify all parties as soon as possible.

Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko informed the Commission about the current mail machine contract. The contract was signed in 2015 and last for 5 years. In 2019, the county will have an opportunity end or change the service.

Crystal Wade, HR Administrator, has received the suggested policy from KCAMP, the county's liability insurance provider, in regard to children in the work place. Linda Kline, Laura Beeson, Amy Goode, and Jenny McDaniel joined the meeting to continue with this discussion. Linda Kline spoke of how well behaved the children are. Commissioner Goff Searl asked why Sedan has so few daycare providers. It was suggested that state requirements as well as less need in the summer, make it difficult. Crystal Wade suggested the Commission might consider if that would be something for Economic development to take on.

Commissioner Carpenter motioned for a 15 minute executive session with Crystal Wade, HR Administrator, and Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor present, for the privacy of non-elect personnel.

Resumed open session at 10:20, no action taken as a result of the executive session.

The Commission agreed to support the Chautauqua Hills Blues Fest with a \$250.00 donation.

Motion from Commissioner Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 10:50, 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