

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 22, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Monday, May 22, 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.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent, updated the commission about the condition of roads after the heavy rains. Several roads have been damaged by water running across them. Road crews have been clearing downed trees from road ways. Areas with the most damage and highest traffic have been given priority.

Commissioner Searl continued the discussion about placing a cattle guard on a county road. Ruth Ritthaler, County Counselor, requests to have the citizens join a meeting to provide needed information for the commission to make an informed decision. After more discussion, Commissioner Carpenter asked County Clerk Niki Collier to contact the parties and invite them to a meeting. The issue is tabled for the time.

Commissioner Searl made a motion to approve minutes from May 15, 2017, Commissioner Shaw gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Joining the meeting were Annie Blankinship, Crystal Wade, Reta Pipher, Susie Wade, Amy Goode, Sheena Tally and Laura Beeson to comment on children in the work place. After hearing views on both sides of the discussion, Commissioners reviewed the policy suggested by the counties liability insurance provider. Human Resources Administrator Crystal Wade clarified that the considered policy is clear that older children, not in need of supervision or children supervised by someone other than the employee may visit. The key is, the employee not be the one supervising the child. It was suggested that if any department does not comply with purposed policy and it results in an insurance increase, the increase should be paid out of that departments budget. Commissioner Shaw motioned to adopt the sample policy with Chautauqua County in place of KCAMP in the document, to take effect immediately. Commissioner Searl gave the second and motion passed 3-0.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department, gave the monthly report. Mrs. Kline requested an ad be run in the paper for a part time positon in her office.

Commissioner Carpenter moved for a 20 minute executive session for the privacy of non-elect personnel, with County Counselor Ruth Ritthaler and Human Resources Crystal Wade present. Commissioner Searl gave the second, motion passed 3-0. Regular meeting resumed at 10:10 a.m. with no action taken from executive session.

The Board requests that Human Resources Director Crystal Wade send a memo from the Board of County Commissioners to all department heads regarding responsibilities and employee oversight.

Commissioner Carpenter moved for a 10 minute executive session for the privacy of non-elect personnel, with County Counselor Ruth Ritthaler and Human Resources Crystal Wade present. Commissioner Searl gave the second, motion passed 3-0. Regular meeting resumed at 10:22 a.m. with no action taken.

The Commissioners continued with a budget work session, and reviewed proposed budgets from each department.

At 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Carpenter motioned to recess the regular meeting to attend a fence viewing, Commissioner Shaw gave the second, motion passed 3-0. Resumed regular meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Human Resources Crystal Wade updated the Commission about upcoming training possibilities.

Motion from Commissioner Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 p.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