

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 31, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Wednesday, May 31, 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 22, 2017. Commissioner Shaw gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported that crews are still repairing roads, and a culvert has been replaced at Rd. 32 & Ranch.

Commissioners discussed the fence viewing held on May 22, 2017 and agreed the existing five (5) wire fence is adequate and meets the State regulations. County Counselor will notify all land owners of the ruling.

Greg Hennen, Executive Director of Four County Mental Health presented annual report and budget request. Mr. Hennen stated the agency is looking for a building to purchase to operate a local facility in Chautauqua County. He also stated that 1 in 5 Chautauqua county residents participates in mental health services.

Dustin Kelly addressed the Commission about the requested cattle guard. The Clerk has notified all parties and presented updated maps and owner information. It is believed that all parties are in agreement, Ruth Ritthaler will continue to communicate with land owners and draft a new contract.

Mark Stallsmith addressed his concern with the county's participation in the Rural Opportunity Zones (ROZ) student loan repayment program. He stated he and his wife have been approved and on a waiting list for some time and the resolution has expired. He explained that a new resolution would allow approved participants to request their employers cover the cost of the matching funds if the county chose not to or cannot.

Crystal Wade of Human Resource presented travel request for Commissioners approval. She also gave an update from the FCC communications in regards to correspondence to obtaining local Kansas TV stations. The FCC declined the request and closed the inquiry. Ruth Ritthaler suggested she contact Dish Network and Direct TV and request a prefilling coordination certification letter before proceeding.

Jeremy Hendren presented the commissioners with an application for Real Property Relief Abatement. The Commissioners reviewed the application and declined it.

Mr. Hendren addressed his contract which expires on June 30, 2017. He requested a pay raise from \$31,000 to \$35,000. He further reported that the professional services of McCully and Associates contract needed to be reviewed and approved. Commissioner Shaw made a motion for a 5 minute executive session regarding non elect personnel for privacy at 10:30 a.m., Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion carried 3-0. At 10:35 a.m. the regular meeting resumed, no action was taken.

Treasurer Amy Goode request permission for a key to the basement to be allowed to have access to the fax machine switch as needed. Commissioners granted the request. Amy also brought to their attention that while overseeing the County ACH account she noticed a suspicious pending charge from Walmart and immediately contacted the bank and this charge was correctly credited back.

Commissioner Shaw made a motion for a 10 minute executive session regarding non elect personnel with Human Resources Crystal Wade and County Counselor Ruth Ritthaler present, for privacy of personnel at 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion carried 3-0. At 11:00 a.m. the regular meeting resumed, no action was taken.

Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko addressed the Commissioners and notified them of an account payable error. Mr. Harris was overpaid an indigent attorney fee and she has contacted him and requested a refund and would keep them informed.

Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko also request permission from the Commissioners to have the Treasurer pay any utility bill that may be late due to billing cycles that fall between the regular mid-month and end of month bills. Treasurer Amy Goode stated she could do that with the Commissioners consent. Commissioner Shaw made a motion that any utility bill that needed to be paid outside of the County's normal billing payment schedule would be allowed to be paid by a Treasurers check and repaid during the normal monthly billing cycle. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m., Commissioner Searl second and the motion carried 3-0.

Fund	Amount
General	\$10,852.12
Ambulance Dist. #1	\$4,091.00
Ambulance Dist. #2	\$13,860.00
Appraiser	\$1,280.16
Election	\$2,378.00
Health	\$2,336.67
Noxious Weed	\$2,913.51
Road & Bridge	\$9,645.05
Special Bridge	\$433.84

Juvenile Detention	\$1,764.00
County 911	\$100.00
Solid Waste	\$,1204.77
Treasurers Auto	\$8.04
TOTAL Expenditures	\$50,867.16

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Rodney Shaw, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Chairman, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Niki Collier, County Clerk