

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 10, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Goff Searl, Commissioner Rodney Shaw, and County Clerk Niki Collier were all present. Commissioner Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioner Searl made a motion to approve minutes from Monday, July 3, 2017 with one correction. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent was accompanied by Cathy Sanders and discussed the expense of needed bridges south of Cedar Vale. BOCC request that research regarding engineering contract and funding options that would aide in the replacement cost of three bridges. Cathy Sanders presented bids from CFS and Kirkham Michael regarding biennial bridge inspections. Commissioner Shaw made a motion to accept the bid from CFS which was more cost effective. Commissioner Searl gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent, gave an update on the roads. The used analyzer for large equipment, discussed at the last meeting, comes with a one year warranty. Mr. Haden researched the purchase of a magnet for the grader. Commissioner Shaw requested that discussion regarding the analyzer and magnet be tabled until the following meeting to allow attending citizens to be heard.

Cedar Vale Mayor, Faith Sanders and Sedan Mayor, Jack Warren addressed the Commissioners and discussed the need in both cities to demolish several homes. The mayors asked the county if aide could be provided to removed dismantled homes and if a landfill was available for dumping the building material. Joel stated a previous request was made and for liability purposes it was stated the county could only provide a dump truck in the removal efforts. Mayor Sanders stated the City of Cedar Vale has approximately 23 homes that need to be removed over several years. The city has applied to have seven acres approved for a dump and was denied, and they would reapply in the near future. Mayor Warren stated the City of Sedan is interested in removing 3-4 homes a year to allow for proper budgeting and disposal. Commissioner Carpenter stated the board would inquire of the landfill requirements with Linda Kline of Solid Waste. Commissioner Searl asked Mayor Sanders why the previous agreement was not signed and returned and she stated she was not aware of any documents regarding this matter. Commissioner Searl stated the board would also inquire of the County Counselor regarding the previous contract.

Connie Kirchner addressed the board and stated the roads in her area were terrible and not being maintained properly. She showed the board and Joel Haden pictures of damaged roads and stated that she recently had to pay a contractor extra in order for them to detour to find a more suitable route to make a delivery. Joel Haden stated that the grader had been

confronted by other land owners in the area and they had requested less grading of the roads. Mrs. Kirchner stated her roads are only being graded once a month and there are huge rocks in the road. Mr. Haden stated he would ensure the road is receiving regular maintenance and have the rock picker go out.

Leslie Talley brought a copy of a Certificate of Assignment By Fence Viewers And Order of Fence Viewers To Build/Repair Partition Fence, Order No. 01 FV 02 dated May 22, 2001. This documented stated that two partition fences located on adjoining property were insufficient and in need of repair or replacement. Mr. Talley stated the fence has not yet been repaired and as a result the livestock from both properties are not properly enclosed and he has the expense of making repairs to his side. Commissioner Shaw asked if Mr. Talley has visited with the other landowner and Mr. Talley stated that was not successful and the property was currently for sale. Commissioner Shaw stated he would visit with the other landowner and attempt to find a solution.

Chautauqua County Treasurer, Amy Goode joined the meeting and reported to the commissioners that she needed to clarify a previous report regarding delinquent taxes owed by the City of Peru. She stated it was not the City of Peru, but the City of Peru Fire Department that has delinquent taxes owed. Commissioner Searl asked if The City of Cedar Vale indeed had delinquent taxes and Mrs. Goode stated the city owed \$1,600 for two properties.

Human Resource Director, Crystal Wade requested approval from the Commission to be out of the office the mornings of July 31, 2017 through August 4, 2017 to be able to participate in Community Vacation Bible School. She stated they were in need of a teacher for the 5th & 6th graders and this position is typically hard to fill. Crystal stated she has coached many of these children and enjoys working with them and they respond well to her. Commissioner Searl questioned her regarding the reason that the kids would listen to her and remembered a childhood teacher. Commissioner Shaw requested that they stay on topic. Commissioner Carpenter stated that he saw no problem with Ms. Wades request. The Commission approved of the altered schedule for that week.

Deputy Clerk, Becky Smilko proposed that the board allow the main corridors of Court House to be cleaned by individuals that were on probation and in need of fulfilling community service hours. She stated she has spoken with Probation Officer Jon Kirk and he was excited about the possibility to help people to obtain community service hours because there were minimal opportunities in Chautauqua County. The commissioners were agreeable to this possibility and asked her to contact KCAMP and Ruth Ritthaler the County Counselor regarding possible liability concerns. She will gather more information and report back.

Commissioner Shaw stated that after last week's observation of Road 7 and Kansas with Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent the landowner was able to communicate with Joel and it appears he is satisfied with the resolution that the Road & Bridge Department has offered to him regarding the road and ditch and how it effects his property.

Motion from Commissioner Searl to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Shaw, 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