

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 24, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Monday, July 24, 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.

County Counselor Ruth Ritthaler inquired about an official answer from the Commission in response to the address from Human Resource Director Crystal Wade on July 17, 2017. The Commission feels that the issue has been discussed in open meeting, as reflected in the minutes and Commissioner Searl has been admonished and understands the seriousness of the matter.

Commissioner Shaw made a motion to approve minutes from July 17, 2017. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent, reported on road maintenance and repairs. Mr. Haden informed the Commission about area bridges that could qualify for replacement by way of a state program in which the cost is split 80% state and 20% county.

Commissioner Carpenter made a motion for a 20 minute executive session with Richard Hamilton and Joel Haden regarding non elect personnel for privacy at 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion carried 3-0. At 9:20 a.m. the regular meeting resumed, no action was taken.

Commissioner Searl moved to approve minutes from July 21, 2017 Special Meeting for Budget preparation. Commissioner Shaw gave the second, motion passed 3-0

Commissioner Searl moved to adopt KCAMP's updated bylaws with resolution 2017-06. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, resolution passed 3-0.

Linda Kline joined the meeting. Mrs. Kline requested that she be allowed to write off very old Solid Waste accounts that cannot be collected, the Commission agreed. She reported speaking to Charlie Bowers with the State of Kansas about opening a new construction & demolition landfill. Commissioner Shaw requested that she complete the steps necessary to find out what the cost would be, this way the Commission can make an informed decision. Commissioner Searl agreed.

Jim Duncan of Noxious Weed answered department questions for the commissioners and there was discussion about the application of different chemicals for weed control. Mr. Duncan noted he is available most afternoons for the public to purchase weed control chemicals or a message can be left and he will schedule a time for pick.

Rodney Burns joined the meeting and reviewed purposed department budget with the Commissioners. He answered several questions and after some discussion Commissioner Carpenter mover to accept Draft #2 as the proposed budget for 2018. Second from Commissioner Shaw. Motion passed 2-1 Commissioner Searl with the nay vote.

Commissioner Searl noted that Cedar Vale did not know about delinquent taxes until reading it in the County minutes. Treasurer Amy Goode reported she was now in communication with the City of Cedar Vale to resolve the delinquent taxes.

Commissioners reviewed the proposed holiday list for 2018. Commissioner Shaw moved to accept the list as presented, after discussion he rescinded the motion. Requested changes were made and Commissioner Shaw moved to accept the revised 2018 holiday list. Commissioner Searl gave the second, motion passed 3-0

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Searl second and the motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Rodney Shaw, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Chairman, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Niki Collier, County Clerk