

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 31, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Monday, July 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 and Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko were all present. Commissioner Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioner Shaw made a motion to approve minutes from Monday, July 24, 2017. Commissioner Searl gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Superintendent, gave a report on the rock spread by crews in the last week. The landfill has been mowed and sprayed. The shop has received the road magnet and will get it installed in the coming week. Commissioner Carpenter stated he would like the magnet hung on the back of the grader to allow it to pick up nails as the roads are being turned over and on back it would not interrupt the blade.

Commissioner Shaw reported there was a whistle that has become a large bump and Commissioner Carpenter reported an area with piping sticking out of the road, Mr. Haden stated he would make sure these locations were repaired.

Linda Kline from Solid Waste joined the meeting and stated she contacted engineering firm Kirkham Michael regarding designing, digging and building a new landfill, the quote was \$200,000. She further stated that G & G only charges \$5,000 per home to remove structures and it may be more cost effective for the county to financially assist the towns instead of building a landfill. Commissioner Shaw asked if this was for a construction and demolition only land fill and why couldn't the county use their own equipment to perform the necessary digging?

The Commissioners discussed the lots that were for sale in Cedar Vale and determined that any reasonable offer would be considered.

Crystal Wade joined the meeting and presented employee travel request. Commissioner Shaw questioned when unemployment benefits would end for former employees and Ms. Wade reported this should be the last quarterly payment.

Rodger Green joined the meeting and Commissioner Carpenter stated that Richard Hambleton would be working with him on Fridays. Mr. Green reported that he has ordered parts for the flag pole and the lights should be working soon.

County Counselor presented a draft of Resolution 17-07 regarding the Cattle Guard located near Cedar Vale. After discussion and revision Commissioner Searl made a motion to pass Resolution 17-07 seconded by Commissioner Shaw, motion passed 3-0.

Annie Blankenship, Health Department Administrator joined the meeting and gave her monthly report. She stated the contracts with local school districts USD 285 and USD 286 have been revised to eliminate the trip charges and there was a small increase in the per student charge. USD 285 has returned their contract and the Commissioners signed it. Mrs. Blankenship reported her monthly deposits, and that the State of Kansas would soon do a site visit regarding Family Planning and WIC. She stated again that the entrance door to the Health Department was not yet fixed. Commissioner Carpenter stated he would have Richard Hambleton look at the door on Friday.

Niki Collier, County Clerk invited the Commissioners to join her for Kansas Open Meeting Act (KOMA) training and updated them on a recent election conference that invited hackers to try to breach election equipment as a test. It was reported that some were successful, however it did not affect any of the equipment that Chautauqua County currently uses. Mrs. Collier also reported that elections are now considered a matter of Homeland Security. Commissioner Searl asked if this information meant there would only be one voting location in Chautauqua County for future elections, Niki reported as the County Election Officer she has no intention of condensing elections to one location.

It was also reported that the budget hearing notice that was previously published was incorrect due to missing page 2 when received from the auditor. It would be republished immediately in full with correct information.

Cody Collier, Emergency Manager joined the meeting and stated he would like to discuss security procedures for the courthouse and for the safety of the county, employees and general public did not feel addressing it publically would be appropriate. Commissioner Searl questioned if he would be discussing reverse 911 and Mr. Collier stated that was not his intention, but he could answer questions. Commissioner Searl stated people are telling him that reverse 911 is not working, Cody stated reverse 911 is working correctly and is not meant for dispatching purposes and is actually the last information used by a dispatcher. He stated he is in the process of researching other options that may provide the county with better assistance. At 9:52 a.m. Commissioner Carpenter moved for a 10 minute executive session for the purpose of discussing security options for the courthouse, pursuant to the security justification. Regular meeting resumed at 10:02 a.m. with no action taken.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the expenditures as follows:

General Fund	\$15,521.42
Equipment Reserve	\$21,850.00
Appraiser	\$1682.40
Employee Benefit	\$1790.26
Fair	\$9300.00
Health	\$4897.28
Noxious Weed	\$4363.84
Road & Bridge	\$17075.36
Juvenile Detention	\$120.00
County 911	\$100.00
Solid Waste	\$123,254.26
Prosecutor & Training	\$532.88

TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$200,487.70

Commissioner Searl motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 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