

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

June 18, 2013

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioners Goff Searl and Danny Williams were present as was County Counselor Larry King and County Clerk Janice Fine. Danny Williams gave prayer.

Allen Moore joined the meeting to discuss the Oak Grove Cemetery situation. Commission asked County Counselor, Larry King, to review the documentation Mr. Moore presented. Mr. King offered what the normal legal process would be. The court must rule on the case before the county can make any decisions regarding this issue. The commissioners asked if there are other possibilities to acquire an easement from surrounding land owners. Land lock situations were discussed.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, updated Commissioners on department business. Haden provided their proposed 2014 budget to the commissioners. Rock has been hauled at: Rd 23 and Independence Rd, Bronco Rd west to Elgin. In the Pennington area staff re-nailed the floor of the bridge on Rd 24 and Lariat Rd. Crews cleaned brush out from under the bridges at Dalton and Rd 3, Eagle and Rd 3, Rd 6 and Prairie, Rd 8 and Heritage. Commission offered that Rd 23 near Hopkins place is looking good. Low water crossings when graders leave humps in the road are an issue and Goff Searl asked that graders be aware of this issue.

Cathy Rink joined the meeting to provide commissioners with Noxious Weed 2014 proposed budget. No major changes.

Greg Hennen joined the meeting to provide the budget request for Four County Mental Health. Federal Government cuts social services first. In 2012 Four County Mental Health served 261 Chautauqua County residents. Crisis service saves county tax dollars. The county obligation is to make sure mental health services are available to our citizens. KanCare program overview was provided by Mr. Hennen and the impact to Four County Mental Health. Affordable Health Care mandate causes a burden to facilities. One option to comply is electronic prescriptions and medical records on every patient. Mr. Hennen offered they are requesting \$30,000.00 which is the same funding amount as last year.

Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser, joined the meeting to discuss the Appraiser's Office business. A team appraiser (McCully & Associates) approach was discussed as an option rather than hiring an independent appraiser at least short term. The cost would be less than \$5,000.00 per month and if the county is entertaining the idea then an official offer will be provided. Information from PVD will be provided at the next meeting regarding the state coming in for appraisal purposes. Hendren will cover the day to day and is confident that nothing catastrophic will occur. Hendren needs help measuring structures in the county as 17% of the area must be

measured. Commission requested Hendren to schedule to meet with them at the next meeting.

County Auditor, Mr. Rodney Burns, joined the meeting as commissioners requested. Available funds for 2013 budgets was discussed. Workers Comp payment and participation was discussed and Mr. Burns offered for us to speak with the Department of Revenue, Human Resources Department, and they can calculate which option would work best regarding worker comp participation. The county is currently in the program offered by KWORRC, where there is not an employee contribution. Goff Searl asked Mr. Burns if it was feasible to start a Transient tax which is not currently levied.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste office manager, presented May's monthly report.

Nina Campbell joined the meeting to discuss the Sr. Center and Council on Aging budgets. The total for all budgets submitted was \$48,563.40 and last year all budgets were \$41,965.00.

Crystal Wade joined the meeting to review the proposed pay plan with Commissioners. Crystal took all the information from the last meeting and put it in pay plan form. The current draft pay plan will be distributed to department heads for review and discussion.

Danny Williams moved to accept the minutes for the June 11, 2013 meeting as written. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a. m. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

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Danny D. Williams, Second District Commissioner

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Jack Carpenter, Chairman, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Janice A. Fine, County Clerk