

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 9, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Monday, October 9, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Goff Searl, Commissioner Rodney Shaw, County Clerk Niki Collier, County Counselor Ruth Ritthaler, Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko and citizens Leslie Talley & Pauline Talley were all present. Commissioner Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioner Searl motioned to approve the minutes of October 2, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Shaw gave the second, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden provided the weekly update on road maintenance. Rock was hauled to several locations and a bridge located near Rd 30 and Independence shortcut has been closed. An engineer is scheduled to observe bridge and will provide a plan. The Commission reviewed applications and Commissioner Carpenter stated he would like to hold off on making a decision to allow more applicants.

Commissioner Carpenter stated that he received an inquiry to close a small portion of Road 21 and indicated a hearing would be needed.

Steve Steinback joined the meeting and presented pictures of the ditch on Road 7 and stated the road gets very muddy and slippery. Mr. Steinback is concern about erosion at the location. Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden advised Mr. Steinback he can always call with concerns and stated he would go observe the road and resolve the concern.

Commissioner Searl wanted to acknowledge the fine work on the Chautauqua Hills Tourist Guide and stated it is very useful.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade joined the meeting and the Commissioners asked questions regarding purposed handbook changes, discussion was held regarding policies and she was directed to make changes and present a 2nd draft at the next meeting.

Marvin Capps joined the meeting and Counselor Ritthaler presented a contract and quick claim deed regarding four lots located at 304 Willow in Cedar Vale. Clerk Niki Collier read the contract aloud at the request of Mr. Capps. Mr. Capps asked Counselor Ritthaler if he would be responsible for paying the taxes in full, Ms. Ritthaler advised that he would. All present agreed to the terms and Mr. Capps paid the balance of \$250.00. The contract was signed by Chairman Carpenter and Mr. Capps.

Leslie Talley updated the Commission regarding the fence viewing that he brought to their attention on July 10, 2017. Mr. Talley stated there has been post installed, however the wire has not yet been installed and his cattle are still not able to utilize that pasture.

County Clerk Niki Collier reminded the Commissioner's that Treasurer Amy Goode would take her oath on October 10, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. and invited them to attend.

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Searl, 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