

# **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

December 4, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Monday, December 4, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Rodney Shaw, County Counselor Zoe Newton, and Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko were all present.

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to approve the minutes of November 30, 2017. Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passed 2-0.

At 8:33 a.m. Commissioner Goff Searl joined the meeting. Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden provided the weekly update on road maintenance. Gravel had been hauled to several locations, right of way repairs, and information was presented for the Kansas State pool for bridge inspections and repairs. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve and sign the Kansas State Bridge contract. Commissioner Searl gave the second, and the motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Carpenter stated the County owns a Cemetery in the Cascade community. He feels the community should be receiving funds for the maintenance of the cemetery.

Sheriff Richard Newby and Emergency Manager Cody Collier joined the meeting. Mr. Collier stated the new towers in Cedar Vale and Caney were installed and are working well. Cody stated he would probably purchase a newer used vehicle in next year, this would also allow the current vehicle to be sold before it loses too much value. Commissioner Searl asked if the new security system in the Court House was installed yet and Mr. Collier stated it was and explained how it works.

Sheriff Newby stated the 911 system would soon be updated and would cost approximately \$11,000.00. Cody stated the generator has been reprogrammed and should now start automatically in the event of a power outage. He stated there was a concern that the unit is only using about 30 gallons of fuel a year and there is old fuel in the tank. Commissioner Carpenter suggested draining the tank from time to time. Commissioner Carpenter inquired about the Game Warden and Sheriff Newby state he was glad to see his presence in Chautauqua County and that he had law enforcement authority.

Sue Kill joined the meeting and stated she would be attending a meeting with South Central Kansas Economic Development (SCKEDD) to give an update regarding Chautauqua County. She told the commissioners about several new businesses within the county and asked how they felt the program could better benefit the county.

Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko reminded the Commission that Clerk Niki Collier was attending training and she herself would be attending one next week regarding Homestead. Commissioner Searl inquired about details of the Homestead program.

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 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