

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 18, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting to order on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Rodney Shaw, Commissioner Goff Searl, County Counselor Zoe Newton, Clerk Niki Collier and Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko were all present. Commissioner Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioner Searl motioned to approve the minutes of December 11, 2017. Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden provided the weekly update on road maintenance. Gravel has been hauled to several locations. Commissioner Carpenter and Commissioner Shaw suggested areas to work on in the coming weeks. Commissioner Searl received a compliment from a citizen regarding the use of the road magnet to remove metal debris from county roads. The citizen was pleased with the ongoing work.

Clerk informed the Commission of an accounting correction that needed to be complete from 2016. The Commission approved District Court to transfer \$4,000.00 to the equipment reserve fund December 30, 2016 and it was not completed. Commissioner Carpenter moved to transfer \$4,000.00 from the Commissioners fund to District Court equipment reserve fund to make the correction. Commissioner Searl gave the second and motion passed 3-0.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade informed the Commission that a part-time temporary person has been hired for the Solid Waste Department. She then requested that \$8,000.00 be moved to equipment reserve. Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the request, Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

At 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Searl moved for an executive session for one hour regarding non-elect personnel, to allow for privacy while conducting employee evaluations. Chairman Carpenter extended the executive session for 20 minutes. The regular meeting resumed at 10:20 a.m. with no action taken.

Ruth Ritthaler joined the meeting and requested \$5,000.00 be moved to equipment reserve. Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the request, Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Searl moved to approve County Appraiser Jeremy Hendren's request to transfer \$13,000.00 into the equipment reserve, Commissioner Shaw gave the second and motion passed 3-0.

District Court Clerk Cindy Weaver requested to move \$5,000.00 into Equipment Reserve. Commissioner Shaw moved to approve the request, Commissioner Searl gave the second, motion passed 3-0.

Roger Carswell, Director of Southeast Kansas Library System (SEKLS) informed the Commission about changes to the library board and the need for an appointee to be named.

Appointees must live in Chautauqua County but not within the city limits of Cedar Vale or Sedan, as this board represents the rural residents.

Sheriff Richard Newby presented a letter from Emergency Manager Cody Collier requesting \$17,500 to be moved to the equipment reserve. Commissioner Searl moved to approve the request, Commissioner Shaw gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff Richard Newby then requested \$8,500 from Dispatch fund, \$20,500 from Sheriff fund and \$33,000 from Jail fund be moved into equipment reserve. Commissioner Searl moved to approve the request, Commissioner Shaw gave the second. Motion passed 3-0. Sheriff Newby provided a letter stating the annual uniform allowance to be received by the deputies according to KSA chapter 19 article 8. Commissioner Shaw moved to approve the uniform allowance, Commissioner Searl gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Larry Robinette provided information about the plans to transition to Enhanced 911 in the coming year. The radio tower improvements have greatly improved the radio coverage for the county.

County Clerk Niki Collier provided information regarding the benefits of the county membership in Kansas League of Municipalities. The commission found no benefit of being members and did not approve renewal. Mrs. Collier then requested to move \$17,000 from the Clerk fund and \$32,000 from the Election fund into Equipment reserve. Mrs. Collier informed the commission that her intention was to save money for the future purchase of updated election equipment that will be necessary in the near future.

At 12:05 p.m. Linda Kline joined the meeting, Commissioner Searl moved for executive session for 5 minutes regarding non-elect personnel, to allow for privacy while conducting employee evaluation. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, motion passed 2-0. Meeting resumed at 12:10 p.m. no action was taken.

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.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