

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 16, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on January 16, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Commissioner Goff Searl, Clerk Niki Collier and Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko were all present. County Counselor Zoe Newton joined by phone. Commissioner Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioner Searl moved to approve the minutes of Monday, January 8, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden advised rock had been spread at several locations and maintenance of the Right of Way on Rd. 8 is nearly complete. Commissioners suggested sections of County roads for review.

Richard Hambleton gave an update regarding the lawn equipment bids and answered Board questions about the same. Mr. Hambleton has scheduled the installation of the new Health Department door for Friday the 19th. Thermometers have been placed in the old jail to monitor the temperature. To date, it has remained within an acceptable range.

County Clerk Niki Collier informed the Board of discussions with Counselor Newton and Auditor Rodney Burns regarding an invoice to pay a special prosecutor. Counselor Newton informed the Board that Attorney General Opinion #2016-2 states "We further conclude that when the court appoints an acting county attorney pursuant to *K.S.A. 19-711*, the county, with the cooperation of the chief judge, compensates such attorney from the funds for the operation of the district court if the county has not adopted a different system." After discussion, the Board knew of no change to this arrangement and concluded the invoice should be paid by District Court funds.

Mrs. Collier provided the Board with a bid from Prairie Star for publications. The Board requested that she make a second inquiry for a bid from The Cedar Vale Lookout. She then presented the invoice to renew the County's membership with Kansas Association of Counties (KAC). Commissioner Shaw saw possible savings, with a reduction of travel expenses for training that could be attended online. Commissioner Carpenter feels it is primarily a lobbyist group and Commissioner Searl was opposed to the cost, neither supported the expense.

County Counselor Zoe Newton has received information about the Federal Compliance Officer duties. She will provide a written document outlining her responsibilities and feels she can provide information to departments when compliance questions arise.

Treasurer Amy Goode joined the meeting and questioned the counties responsibility regarding unattended deaths. The Board asked Mrs. Newton to review statutes and Commissioner Shaw requested Mrs. Smilko please contact the Deputy Coroner regarding a recent invoice. The subject will be reviewed with more information at the next meet, payments will be held until then.

Commissioner Searl motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Shaw, motion passed 3-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Rodney Shaw, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Niki Collier, County Clerk