

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 12, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on, February 12, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Commissioner Goff Searl, Clerk Niki Collier, Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko and County Counselor Zoe Newton were all present. Commissioner Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioner Searl moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden stated that rock has been hauled to Gallop Rd. between Road 13 and Road 16. Mr. Haden presented bids on new and used excavators. Commissioner Searl stated he would rather invest \$20,000 to \$30,000 in repairs to the current excavator and try to get several more years out of it since a replacement will cost \$194,000. Commissioner Shaw agreed and did not want to purchase a new excavator. Commissioner Carpenter stated this excavator has lasted 20 years, a new one would last that long as well.

Courthouse Maintenance Richard Hambleton provided a department update. He reported that the Clerk's office received correspondence from KCAMP the county liability insurer and they provided guidelines for storage of a lawnmower. Mr. Hambleton asked if the Board was ready to make a lawnmower purchase and stated he thought the Hustler was the best bid. Commissioner Searl moved to purchase a mower and snow blade from Grouse Valley Equipment in Dexter according to the bid received. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second. The motion passed 3-0. Richard updated the Commissioners on the electrician's report and stated he was awaiting bids.

Annie Blankinship and Jeanie Beason of the Health Department joined the meeting. Mrs. Beason stated she has plans to retire near the end of 2018 after thirty years of service. The Commissioners thanked her for her service. Mrs. Blankinship presented the financial reports for the Health Department and stated she was in the process of applying to renew grants.

Sheriff Richard Newby discussed inmate housing rates regarding prisoners from the Kansas Department of Corrections and other Counties. Commissioner Carpenter stated inmate housing rates were at the discretion of the Sheriff. The Board supports the Sheriff's authority to negotiate the rate of compensation for housing out of county inmates.

County Councilor Zoe Newton informed the Board that she was contacted by a law office inviting the County to join the class action opioid litigation. Discussion with Sheriff Newby was held and the Board decided not to join the litigation.

Linda Kline of Solid Waste Department presented the annual report for 2017. Commissioner Carpenter stated there was still a need to find a solution regarding mowing the landfill. Some possible remedies were discussed.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden joined the meeting and presented a bid for repairs to the excavator for approximately \$20,000.00. Mr. Haden was directed to go ahead with the repairs.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade requested the Commissioners allow a Treasurer's check to pay Blue Cross Blue Shield regarding the County Counselors benefits. The Commissioners approved the payment. A discussion was held regarding pay for performance and Commissioner Carpenter moved to resend the pay for performance policy, Commissioner Searl gave the second. The motion carried 3-0. Treasurer Amy Goode joined the meeting. Ms. Wade and Mrs. Goode attended the Kansas County Human Resources Association conference and obtained certification in Supervisor Situational Decision Making. Ms. Wade stated the main topics at the conference were wages per hour and harassment in the workplace.

County Clerk Niki Collier informed the Board that Laserfiche document scanning program was installed in her office tying into the system that Register of Deeds Laura Beeson has been building and maintaining for nearly 20 years. Scanning of minutes and resolutions has begun in order to preserve them and make them more readily available. Mrs. Collier presented a CMB license application for Sedan Country Club. Commissioner Searl moved to approved the Cereal Malt Beverage license for Sedan County Club. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the end of month expenditures for November 2017 as follows:

General Fund	\$6,185.91
Law Enforcement	\$6,518.53
Appraiser	\$3,783.98
Health	\$942.87
Road & Bridge	\$2,382.37
County 911	\$749.06
Solid Waste	\$4,694.04
Treasurer's Auto	\$40.00
TOTAL Expenditures	\$25,296.76

Commissioner Searl moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 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