

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 28, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on Wednesday, February 28, 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 Monday, February 19, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden advised that rock has been spread at the following locations; Rd. 30 & Bronco, Rd. 26 & Dalton, Rd. 2 & Ranch, Rd. 27 & Bronco, Rd. 7 & Trail, Rd. 15 & Kansas, and Rd. 6 & Union. Mr. Haden reported that crews applied ice control to roads and the weather provided a good opportunity for needed repairs to be completed on equipment and a water line in the shop. He further reported that the new employee is doing well.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade brought travel requests for approval. Ms. Wade informed the Board that Health Quest is a wellness program that gives a discount in health insurance cost for employees that participate. Currently employees could participate in Walk Kansas, on site biometric screenings, and other activities to earn their annual points.

County Counselor Zoe Newton reported that she has reviewed statute regarding redistricting and the 2010 Census numbers and believes the Chautauqua County is within the acceptable range and at this time redistricting is not necessary. Mrs. Newton advised that the Commission should continue to review the information every three years as required. Commissioner Searl stated he was curious at what the 2020 Census numbers would show regarding the county's population. Mrs. Newton informed the board of upcoming dates that she would need to attend by telephone and the Commissioners approved.

Health Department Administrator Annie Blankinship requested that employee travel reimbursements for home visits and regular in-county travel in the performance of daily work be approved by her and submitted directly to the Clerk's office for reimbursement. She stated this cost was standard and necessary for employees to do their daily duties, unlike out of town training that would continue to be submitted to HR for travel approval. The Board approved that request. Mrs. Blankinship inquired about the decision to rescind the pay for performance policy and asked that Department Heads continue to be included in the planning process.

Courthouse Maintenance Richard Hambleton completed basement inventory, and presented historic photos. Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko advised the Board that the notary bonds are able to go through KCAMP at no additional cost and going forward all new notaries or renewals will be bonded with KCAMP.

Commissioner Shaw asked why one of the utility reimbursement was so much higher than the others submitted, the commissioners reviewed the reimbursement forms and asked the

Deputy Clerk to contact Road & Bridge and find out. Mrs. Smilko reported that Joel Haden stated the employee had kept his grader plugged in for two weeks due to the cold weather.

Commissioner Searl motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, 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