

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 2, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on April 2, 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 28, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden informed the Board that rock was being hauled to the Independence shortcut. Mr. Haden received a notice from KDOT that his proposed project submitted under the FY2020 High Risk Rural Roads program was not selected for funding. Mr. Haden then provided documents from KDOT to participate in a Federal Funds Exchange Agreement. Commissioner Shaw stated that the matter would be discussed next week to allow time for review of the document by the Board and the County Counselor. HR Administrator Crystal Wade joined the meeting at 8:42 a.m. The Board approved a raise for new hire, Marshall Beeler.

Tim Nordell joined the meeting at 8:47 a.m. and provided the Board with information about Kansas legislation currently being discussed at the State Capital that could potentially increase property taxes.

Sue Kill joined the meeting at 8:57 a.m. and gave an update on current SCKEDD projects. Ms. Kill stated that Mayor Brown was willing to come and help the local rural counties with planning that would encourage growth and the Commissioners stated they were interested in participating in such a meeting. Commissioner Searl asked that the local Mayors be invited to attend the meeting when it is scheduled. Ms. Kill stated there was a meeting on Friday, April 6, 2018, to discuss broadband internet and there was also a possibility of Halo 5 providing internet through low flying satellites to local residents.

County Counselor Zoe Newton reported she was still making some phone calls and waiting on a returned phone call to obtain more details regarding the application for DOC grant that Family & Children Service Center was submitting for the 14th Judicial District. Mrs. Newton also stated she had spoken to Maura Chambers at KCAMP regarding participation in community service program and for insurance risk management purposes only misdemeanors should be allowed to serve. Mrs. Newton also stated it was recommended that she contact KWORC to discuss possible risk in relation to employees if the County participates in a community service program. Commissioner Shaw stated when community service was initially discussed it was the understanding that only low risk probationers would participate and he did not support allowing a felon to complete community services hours with minimal supervision. The Commissioners stated they were no longer interested in developing a community service policy or participating in the program.

Commissioner Searl stated it was brought to his attention that there are many Chautauqua County residents that do not have Chautauqua County tags and asked if this should be

pursued. Commissioner Shaw stated there are members of the community that own land in more than one state. Mrs. Newton stated it can be difficult to determine a person's residency without knowing personal information and in order to register a vehicle in another state proof of residency is most likely required. The Commissioners requested that Mrs. Newton provide more information regarding this matter.

Commissioner Carpenter stated he received an update and it may be acceptable to burn the landfill after all. Mr. Carpenter reported in the meantime horses would be placed on the land.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to adjourn at 9:44 a.m., Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Rodney Shaw, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Niki Collier, County Clerk