

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 9, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on April 9, 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.

Commissioner Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioner Searl moved to approve the minutes of Monday, April 2, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden gave an update regarding rock hauled to multiple locations. Commissioner Searl noted there was not a weight restriction posted on a bridge located near K38 and Mr. Haden explained that many new bridges did not have signs because they were made to hold more than what the legal limit is allowed by state law. Mr. Haden stated he would check the bridge book and confirm that a sign was not needed at that location.

County Counselor Zoe Newton joined the meeting by phone she stated she was prepared to give an update regarding three items the Commissioners consulted her on. Mrs. Newton reviewed the KDOT documents. She stated the application would authorize KDOT to secure federal funding on behalf of the County. This program worked by reimbursing the County for funds used to purchase rock and when work is completed an inspection would be performed and it would be determined if the work met the program criteria for funding. Mrs. Newton also stated that it is possible KDOT could decline the reimbursement and the funds are subject to audit. Commissioner Shaw asked Mr. Haden if he intended on completing any special projects or would this rock be purchase regardless if the County participated in this program. Mr. Haden stated the County would be purchasing this rock regardless and if the County had a chance to be reimbursed he would like to see that happen. The Board agreed and signed the application.

Mrs. Newton stated she spoke with Duane Powell of Family and Children Service Center regarding the DOC grant application. Mr. Powell informed Mrs. Newton wither the Board signs the application or not, all of the 14th Judicial District qualifies to use the funds. Mrs. Newton recommended the Board not sign the application since it was not necessary and they were not provided the entire document for review.

Mrs. Newton asked if the Treasurer would be joining the meeting to continue discussion regarding out of state tags. Treasurer Amy Goode joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m. Mrs. Newton provided an email document that showed a sample ordinance that was adopted by Arkansas City regarding the taxing and registration of vehicles. Mrs. Newton reviewed an Attorney General's opinion that stated regardless if a person registered their vehicle in another state if they were housing the vehicle in Kansas the County could issue a tax bill for the personal property. Sheriff Newby and Emergency Manager Cody Collier joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Shaw questioned the exemptions listed such as if a person resided in Chautauqua County for 90 days, he asked who would keep track of that? Mrs. Newton stated there would need to be evidence and it would be up to the Commissioners how much time and effort they want to put into enforcing this. Sheriff Newby stated he would gladly provide information to the County Attorney. Sheriff Newby

stated that some of the out of state tribal tags actually show the owner at a Chautauqua County address when ran on a traffic stop. Commissioner Shaw stated he was not in favor of adding additional laws already covered in Kansas statutes and he would need more information regarding tribal tags before he made a decision. Mrs. Goode stated she had a contact that could come and explain tribal tags. Sheriff Newby also reminded the Commissioners that Chautauqua County had limited manpower and he was not able to dedicate man-hour's like a larger county could. Commissioner Shaw asked Mrs. Newton to obtain detailed information regarding tribal plates.

Sheriff Newby reported that the scheduled date to go live with the enhanced 911 was on Thursday, April 12, 2018. He also stated he would like the Boards approval to ask Road and Bridge for some help to repair the jail parking lot. He stated he would purchase the gravel but would need some help with spreading it. The Board gave approval and Sheriff Newby state he would contact Joel Haden to discuss the matter. Sheriff Newby stated there are some new grants available that may provide funding for a school resource officer and that he would be willing to supervise that position to allow an officer to provide support for Chautauqua County school districts.

At 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Searl called for a five minute recess. Commissioner Shaw gave the second, motion passed 2-0. The regular meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and presented travel request for the Commissioners approval.

County Clerk Niki Collier provided KDOT documents for signatures.

Commissioner Searl motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 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