

# **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 23, 2018**

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on April 23, 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, April 16, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden informed the Board that rock has been hauled to the following locations; Highway 99 & Dalton, Independence shortcut & Lariat, & Rd. 30 from Indian to Lariat.

County Counselor Zoe Newton stated that she spoke to Sedgwick Assistant County Counselor William Deer, to discuss the possibility of using their autopsy services in the future. Mr. Deer will contact Mr. Dickens Chautauqua County Deputy Coroner directly to discuss the details. Mrs. Newton provided a letter for Commissioners signatures regarding the fence viewing scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade provided travel request for approval.

Randy L. Dick, Toby L. McCullough, and Michael Bell from Kaw Valley Insurance joined the meeting and presented a proposal for employee health insurance. After discussion, the Board requested that Kaw Valley Insurance submit a detailed bid. Randy Dick suggested that an employee survey would help them provide a more accurate bid. The Board requested Crystal Wade work with Kaw Valley to have employees complete a health questionnaire for the most accurate proposal.

Kurtis Simmons, Community Corrections, joined the meeting to present annual reports and grant applications for signatures. Mr. Simmons answered the Boards questions and Commissioner Searl moved to approve the KDOC grant application including the budget. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the 2019 Behavioral Health Grant application, Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer Amy Goode joined the meeting to give an update on the out of state tags discussion. After speaking to Captain Yokley with the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) regarding Native American tribal tags and out of state tags, it is Mrs. Goodes understanding that KHP recognizes them both as out of state there for citations can be issued to Kansas residents. Mrs. Goode has spoken with County Attorney Ruth Ritthaler and Sheriff Newby, she expects there will be progress regarding this matter. Mrs. Goode informed the Board that one of the counties CD's has matured and she has deposited funds into the account with best interest rate and intends to do the same with a CD that matures in May.

Commissioner Carpenter inquired about the number of parcels that could be on this year's tax sale. Mrs. Goode informed the Board there are approximately 28 parcels that qualify and a sale date has not been set.

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Searl, motion passed 3-0.

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Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

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Rodney Shaw, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

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Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

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Niki Collier, County Clerk