

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 16, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on April 16, 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 9, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden stated rock has been applied to the following locations; Rd. 31 & Independence short cut, Rd. 21 & Quivira, Rd. 32 & Trail, Rd. 3 & Frontier, Rd. 3 & Eagle, and Rd. 21 & Independence Shortcut. Mr. Haden stated that crews had spent two to three days last week working at the landfill, maintaining the location. Commissioner Carpenter stated that he intends to be present at future landfill inspections by the state. Commissions discussed road locations that need attention.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade brought travel reimbursement and longevity raises for approval. Discussion regarding KWork and KCamp annual claims report. Ms. Wade advised the Board that KWorks has various training available for the County. After discussion the Board requested Ms. Wade to provide more information about the defensive driving courses?

Clark Marvin joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m. to request a fence viewing. Mrs. Collier provided the Board with maps of the area being discussed. The Board and Mrs. Newton advised Mr. Marvin that a fence viewing would determine if the existing fence was adequate according to Kansas statute. Mr. Marvin stated that he understood and asked to proceed with the viewing. All parties will be notified by mail when the viewing is scheduled.

Linda Kline of Solid Waste Department provided the Board with monthly reports for review. Commissioner Carpenter inform Mrs. Kline of the work the Road & Bridge Department had completed at the former landfill. He further requested for Mrs. Kline to call him if the state inspector for the landfill made arrangements to view the location as he wants to be present.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade provided the requested information about defensive driving training. The following discussion included employee wages during the training, low resent accidents, and no guaranteed discount from the insurance company. With that, the Board decided not to pursue the training at this time.

Commissioner Shaw asked for Appraiser Jeremy Hendren to join the meeting to discuss property valuation. Mr. Hendren explained that if county properties have sold higher than in the past the values go up and that the agricultural values are set by K-State on an eight year rolling average. Mr. Hendren informed that the State of Kansas requires the appraisers office to set values as of January 1st each year, after budgets have already been set in the late summer by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hendren will add information, regarding the way values are set, to the appraisers tab on the County website.
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County Counselor Zoe Newton provided information regarding the meeting she attended concerning broadband availability and it appeared the providers were focusing on larger areas. Mrs. Newton stated that the Kansas Legislature has created a focus group and suggested that citizens attend meetings to properly represent the concerns and needs of rural areas like Chautauqua County. Mrs. Newton stated she spoke with Mr. Dickens and the process was started to allow autopsies to be performed in Sedgwick County.

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Searl, 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