

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 30, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on April 30, 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 Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of Monday, April 23, 2018. Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Mrs. Collier notified the Board of a needed correction to the minutes of April 16th 2018. They should have read that the State of Kansas requires the appraisers office to set values as of January 1st , the Board of Commissioners then sets budgets in the late summer.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden reports that rock has been spread at Independence shortcut & Marshall, Rd. 6 & Dalton, and Rd. 3 & Eagle. Commissioner Carpenter noted that a sign needs replaced at Rd. 26 & Dalton

Mrs. Newton will speak to Dr. Rohrig in Sedgwick Co. about possibly using Sedgwick when an autopsy is deemed necessary.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade joined the meeting to present travel vouchers.

Commissioner Shaw reported on the Juvenile Detention Center meeting he attended last week. The cost for the county to contract with the facility is set to increase slightly in 2019 due to the valuation increase.

Health Department Annie Blankinship and Sheriff Richard Newby joined the meeting to discuss the possible health care change and the health care questionnaire sent to employees. Commissioner Shaw informed Mrs. Blankinship and Sheriff Newby that during the presentation last week the Board informed Kaw Valley they are interested in seeing a bid that saves money while providing the same coverage or better for employees and Kaw Valley requested a health questionnaire in order to provide an accurate quote. Commissioner Shaw further stated that while the Board agreed to a questionnaire, they had not seen this document before it was distributed to employees. Mrs. Blankinship expressed concerns about the amount of information that was being requested on the questionnaire since the County had not yet contracted with this company. Mrs. Blankinship also stated the authorizing paragraph does not reference HIPPA laws and she was concerned about employee privacy. Mrs. Newton advised against employees signing the authorization portion and initially suggested that all identifying information should be redacted from any returned forms prior to being sent to Kaw Valley. Commissioner Shaw requested that Ms. Wade and Mrs. Newton develop a questionnaire that the County could use to acquire insurance bids from multiple companies that would exclude personal information such as names, socials security numbers, or authorization to obtain medical history. Mrs. Newton asked for clarification regarding the use of the Kaw Valley questionnaire or creating a new form and redistributing to all employees. The Board directed her to create a new form and discontinue use of the Kaw Valley form.

Commissioner Shaw discussed the Juvenile Detention Center and inmate health care expenses with Sheriff Newby. Mr. Newby stated that if an individual has health insurance it is billed to offset the counties expense.

County Counselor Zoe Newton requested an executive session. At 9:45 A.M. Commissioner Searl moved for a 10 minute executive session to discuss terms and conditions of employment under the justification of attorney – client privilege. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, motion passed 3-0.

Open meeting resumed at 9:55 A.M.

Commissioner Searl discussed his concerns with group insurance policy rates.

The Board requested Ms. Wade join the meeting. Discussion was held and the decision was made to have any document containing agreement or contract type language submitted to the County Counselor for review before use.

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 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