

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 7, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on May 7, 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 30, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden stated rock has been laid in multiple locations and the mowing tractor was being repaired. Commissioner Searl reported the Dead End sign from Rd. 4 was missing and Commissioner Shaw reported the road magnet was needed at Elgin and Hwy 166 because it appeared nails had been spilled in the area.

Counselor Zoe Newton reported that she spoke to Dr. Rohrig from Sedgwick County. Dr. Rohrig stated autopsies typically take 30-60 days and the base cost would be \$2,500.00. Commissioner Shaw stated the current cost including autopsy, transportation cost, and coroner fees is \$2,400.00 and it seems like changing would increase the cost to the county. Commissioner Searl stated he would like to use which ever company charges less and he thought because Wichita was closer that would save the County money. Mr. Searl further stated he trust the Deputy Coroner Brett Dickens to use the most cost effective facility.

Mayor Faith Sanders and Dick Jones joined the meeting to discuss a Construction & Demolition dump (C&D). Commissioner Shaw stated PJ Fulsom has agreed to allow the County to use a portion of his land located near Rd. 12 and the old rock quarry for a possible Construction & Demolition dump. Mr. Shaw stated that before anything further could be considered, it would be necessary to explore by digging to see if the land would be a suitable site. Commissioner Searl stated he also spoke to PJ Fulsom and Mr. Fulsom was agreeable and a contract relieving him from any liability regarding the dump site would need to be entered into if a C & D was feasible on the site. Commissioner Shaw re-stated first it would have to be determined if the land was suitable and then contact the State of Kansas prior to discussing any contract. Commissioner Carpenter stated Charlie Bowers would be able to answer questions regarding the possible dump site. Commissioner Searl called Mr. Fulsom and obtained permission for Mr. Haden to come this week and dig to determine the condition of the ground.

Wayne Gudmonson, Darrin Petrowsky and Kristy Kelly of KDOT joined the meeting. Mr. Gudmunson stated TWORK had funds available for a special bridge project that are allocated for use in Chautauqua County. A discussion was held and Mr. Haden suggested the bridge located north of Cedar Vale for a possible project. It was agreed that Mr. Haden would request estimates and communicate with KDOT about it.

County Clerk Niki Collier advised the Board of a complaint regarding the elevator door not staying open long enough. Mrs. Collier contacted Otis Elevator and our service representative has already been out and extended the time the doors stay open. Mrs. Collier stated the Conservation Board inquired if they should submit their purposed budget via email or if the Board would like to see them in person. The Board agreed that it would be

acceptable for the Conservation District to submit the information via email. Mrs. Collier further informed the Board that KDHE received a complaint regarding a possible septic sewage problem at City on the Hill. Mrs. Collier discussed it with Sheriff Newby who then made contact with City on the Hill. They have advised, repairs would be made. The contact at KDHE has been updated and Mrs. Newton's contact information has been provided for any further questions.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade presented travel request and longevity raises for approval.

At 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Searl motioned to recess the meeting to attend a fence viewing, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, motion passed 3-0. The regular meeting resumed at 11:55 a.m.

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.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