

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 14, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on May 14, 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, May 7, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden stated gravel had been laid on Rd. 2 and K38, the Peru shortcut, Rd. 5 and Lariat, Rd. 11 and Quivira, a good portion of Bronco Rd., Rd. 32 and Lariat, Rd. 8 and Nation, as well as Rd. 9 and Dalton between Elgin and Hewins. Mr. Haden is currently working with KDOT and stated an engineer from Kirkham Michael would be in contact with KDOT regarding the possible bridge project. Mr. Haden reported that Road and Bridge department has assisted the Sheriff Department with some repairs and improvements to the parking lot. Mr. Haden discussed possibly using money from the Road Damage Funds and Mrs. Collier stated she would look into how to go about doing that. Mr. Haden presented an annual bridge inspection report from the State of Kansas and stated he had a few questions regarding the report and would call the State office to discuss the matter.

Commissioner Carpenter provided information about a drop off on Rd. 22 that needed to be looked at and repaired. Commissioner Searl asked Mr. Haden to give an update on the explorative digging at the suggested Construction & Demolition (C&D) dump site. Mr. Haden stated after digging a few inches they hit the rock bed and could only scratch and break away small pieces at a time. Commissioner Searl stated that Mayor Warren and Mayor Sanders would be trying to locate another possible site. Commissioner Shaw had received a complaint regarding the sign at Rd 30 and Hwy 166, Mr. Haden stated the sign may need to be moved and he will look into it. Commissioner Shaw also stated that the rock picker is needed on Rd. 30 because there are very large rocks on the road. Commissioner Shaw provided quotes he obtained from Economy Tire and 4C Tires and they appear to be very competitive or sometimes cheaper than the current vendor. The Board requested that Mr. Haden obtain a quote when making each purchase and support local business when possible.

Courthouse Maintenance Richard Hambleton joined the meeting and requested permission for the After-Prom Committee to set up a dunk tank and fill it with water during the Yellow Brick Road Festival as a fundraiser on May 26, 2018, and the Board approved the use of the grounds and water. Mr. Hambleton reported that the generator has been coming on each week as scheduled with the automatic timer for regular testing. He stated there is a small hole in the top of the tank that may need attention in the near future and he is still obtaining bids for the generator.

Nina Campbell joined the meeting and presented the annual budget request for the Council on Aging. Mrs. Campbell stated they are reviewing the need for additional general liability insurance, to avoid paying for double coverage. Mrs. Newton stated she would do some research on the matter. Commissioner Searl asked if the Council on Aging had bylaws and

Mrs. Campbell stated yes and each senior center also had bylaws. Commissioner Searl requested Mrs. Campbell's assistance in obtaining a copy of the bylaws for each senior center and filing them with the County Clerk. Judith Sinclair joined the meeting and invited the Commissioners to attend the annual Senior Day on June 9, 2018.

Linda Kline of Solid Waste Department joined the meeting and provided the monthly report. Commissioner Carpenter stated there needed to be five-year plan in place with South Central Authority. Mrs. Kline stated she would look into it and get a plan submitted. Mrs. Kline informed the Board she has found a new company to purchase poly carts from and may be able to reduce the price for customers. At 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Kline requested an executive session for no longer than 15 minutes to discuss employee matters regarding nonelected personnel. Commissioner Carpenter so moved, Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. The regular meeting resumed at 9:35 a.m. and there was no action taken.

County Clerk Niki Collier presented a postage report per the Boards request and a quote the Treasurer obtained regarding preprinted and blank envelopes. Mrs. Collier presented an email received from Ivan Graves regarding a sewer system assessment inspection and the Board directed Mrs. Newton to draft a letter in response. Mrs. Collier stated she had recently attended the annual Clerks Conference and the Secretary of State's office strongly encouraged each county to review and make any necessary improvements regarding IT security.

County Counselor Newton stated she would like to contact KCAMP for clarification regarding the liability coverage when the courtyard premises are in use by the general public. Discussion was held and Commissioner Shaw stated he would like to continue to allow the public to use the premises for things like Easter egg hunts, vacation bible school, and other community events. Commissioner Carpenter and Commissioner Searl agreed.

A discussion was held regarding the fence viewing on May 7, 2018, and the Board directed Mrs. Newton to draft a response letter and present it the following week.

Commissioner Searl motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, 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