

# **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**May 21, 2018**

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on May 21, 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, May 14, 2018. Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Searl stated Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden was unable to attend today's meeting. Commissioner Shaw asked who was in charge because there was a large hole on Rd. 27 between Union & Saddle that needed immediate attention. Commissioner Shaw stated he would notify Joel to allow him to delegate the repair.

County Counselor Zoe Newton presented two correspondence letter for approval and signatures regarding the request of Ivan Graves for a sewer system assessment inspection and Marvin Cox's request for fence viewing. Mrs. Newton stated she has been in contact with Rachael Marlett of KDHE regarding two complaints of local businesses sewage systems. Mrs. Newton advised the Board since Chautauqua County has not adopted any codes, she feels it would be the State's job to enforce state regulations unless it was considered a criminal matter.

Linda Kline of Solid Waste Department joined the meeting and requested to have two bills abated. She stated one customer is deceased and another moved away, both leaving a small balance. The Board approved to abate the charges. Ms. Kline stated she has obtained a bid to mow the dumpster area and Commissioner Shaw stated when the mower was purchased it was with the intent to have that location mowed as well. The Commissioner's requested that Richard Hambleton join the meeting.

Courthouse Maintenance Richard Hambleton joined the meeting and Commissioner Shaw asked him to mow around the Solid Waste dumpster. Mr. Hambleton stated he would gladly mow the dumpster location.

Commissioner Shaw asked how much has been previously contributed to the Chautauqua Hills Blues Festival and Mrs. Smilko stated \$250 was given last year and provided a report with more details. Discussion was held and Commissioner Searl made a motion to contribute \$250.00 to the Chautauqua Hills Blues Festival. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. Mrs. Smilko asked for direction regarding payment and was directed to issue the check the regular bills were paid on May 31, 2018. She stated she would notify Greg Wilkinson via email.

Larry Sharp of KCAMP joined the meeting and presented the annual risk management report. Mrs. Newton presented some question regarding liability with the community use of the courthouse lawn. Mrs. Sharp stated yes the lawn was covered by premise liability. He

further stated KCAMP approves of low risk activities, however high risk activities should be avoided or have an additional tenant user liability policy to better protect the County.

Commissioner Searl stated he had some ideas that may be cost effective and feels a better job can be done to save Chautauqua County tax payers some money. He stated he receives complaints that taxes are too high, but no one wants to give up services. At 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Carpenter moved to have a 10 minute recess, Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

At 10:42 a.m. the regular meeting resumed and Commissioner Searl stated he would like to discuss ideas to be more efficient with personnel. At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Searl moved for an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss employee matters regarding nonelected personnel. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. At 11:15 a.m. executive session was extended 15 minutes. The regular meeting resumed at 11:30 a.m.

At 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Searl stated he had a question regarding a specific time sheet and moved for an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss employee matters regarding nonelected personnel. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. The regular meeting resumed at 11:38 a.m.

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 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

ATTEST:

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Niki Collier, County Clerk