

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 11, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on June 11, 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, June 4, 2018. Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden informed the Board that rock had been applied at the following locations; Rd. 30 & Independence shortcut, Rd. 28 & Bronco, and Rd. 2 & Overland. The crews began removal of an old bridge at Rd. 9 & Nation and a culvert will be installed in its place. Commissioner Searl stated there was a concern with a high windrow at Rd. 2 near Hwy 166. Commissioner Carpenter asked if the star fire machine could be used on the east end of Bronco Rd. Commissioner Shaw asked if the road in front of the golf course was owned by the city or county and Joel stated he would review, but believes it is a county road that the city paved and agreed to maintain. Commissioner Shaw stated it was in very bad condition and it needs repair, Mr. Haden stated if the county was going to maintain it he would like to gravel it and that he would call and speak with John Miller to get the matter resolved.

County Counselor Zoe Newton stated she had a conference call with KDHE and they have provided two statutes for Mrs. Newton's review. KDHE is requesting that the Health Department send a cease and desist letter to violators. Mrs. Newton stated she could continue discussing the matter with KDHE or request an Attorney General opinion for clarification. The Board approved moving forward with obtaining an Attorney General opinion to determine the extent of responsibility the County has regarding enforcement of KDHE regulations.

Wayne Gudmonson, Darrin Petrowsky and Kristy Kelly of KDOT joined the meeting. Mr. Gudmonson stated his previous estimate regarding available TWORK funds for a special bridge project have been drastically reduced because KDOT has decided that the bridge located on 99 just west of Sedan is in need of replacement, leaving only \$500,000 to spend in Chautauqua County. Discussion was held regarding which project could be completed with the funds. The Board stated they would like to see the Cedar Vale overlay project completed and if possible improve a cemetery road east of Sedan. Citizen Reta Pipher joined the meeting.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade stated if the Board would like to obtain a quote for insurance a broker would need to be selected and suggest we proceed with USI. Commissioner Shaw asked if there would be any employee questionnaire? Ms. Wade stated there would be no need for a questioner because she could provide the needed data for a quote from USI. Ms. Wade further suggested that the 2019 budget could be prepared according to the quote from the State of Kansas insurance in the event the county retains that policy. The Board approved moving forward to obtain a bid with insurance broker USI.

Linda Kline of Solid Waste Department stated Bob Miller inquired about mowing the landfill and she referred him to Commissioner Carpenter. Ms. Kline asked about the Cedar Vale dumpsters and the Board advised her that when the property sold, they understood the new owner would mow the lot. At 9:34 a.m. Mrs. Kline requested an executive session for 10 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 9:43 a.m.

Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko updated the Board regarding a conversation with KCAMP coverage of property for public use. She stated the company does offer tenant user liability insurance program. Mrs. Smilko stated Levi Lear has inquired if the Courthouse parking area could be used for a car show on July 28, 2018. The Commissioners had some questions and Mrs. Smilko contacted Mr. Lear. It was confirmed the vehicles would be parked around the courthouse and a waiver of liability was signed by each participant when they registered for the event. The Board approved the event.

County Clerk Niki Collier reported that she had spoken with Nate Thompson and he was unable to provide any technical services at this time but highly recommended KKI Technology. She stated that District Court already used their service and she would contact KKI Technology for more information.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade requested an executive session. Commissioner Searl moved for a 10 minute executive session to discuss non-elect personnel in order to maintain personnel privacy with counsel. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and motion passed 3-0 at 9:55. Executive session was extended for 5 minutes at 10:05. The open meeting resumed at 10:10

Reta Pipher inquired about Commissioner Searl's purposed plan to lower the tax rate. Commissioner Searl advised Ms. Pipher that they are making improvements where possible and it will take time.

Commissioner Searl motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m., second 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