CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 18, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on June 18, 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 for an executive session with Mrs. Newton for attorney-client privilege to last 15 minutes at 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, motion passed 3-0. Open meeting resumed at 8:45 a.m.

Commissioner Searl moved to approve the minutes of Monday, June 11, 2018, as revised. Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden reported rock has been applied in several locations throughout the county. Culvert maintenance continues and several tree limbs have been moved off the roads after storms last week. Mr. Haden discussed the possibility of receiving a cost share offer from the State of Kansas to repair or replace a bridge. Mr. Haden suggested having a bridge design developed and available on hand would increase the likelihood of securing those funds.
Commissioner Carpenter advised that a road sign at Rd. 29 & Heritage is missing and needs replacing. Commissioner Shaw stated a large bump was created by the road grader in front of a resident's driveway and requested it be smooth out.

At 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Carpenter moved for a 20-minute executive session for non-elect personnel to review applications with Mrs. Blankinship and Ms. Wade present, Commissioner Searl gave the second. Motion passed 3-0. Open meeting resumed at 9:20 a.m.

Health Department Annie Blankinship provided the Board with information on the amount of funding the Health Department receives from grants.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade provided travel request for approval. Ms. Wade requests the July timesheets be turned in on the 20th instead of the 23rd and the Board approved. Ms. Wade advised the Board that she had received information from the State of Kansas health insurance reflecting an estimated $90,000 increase for the 2019 budget year.

New Beginnings President Joe O'Rourke presented the 2019 budget request and would like the County to maintain funding at the current level of $20,000. Community Developmental Disability Organization Director Tara Cunningham explained the coming changes that would provide more separation between the CDDO and New Beginnings Enterprises, Inc.

Linda Kline of Solid Waste Department advised the department currently has two CDL drivers.

Ms. Wade requested an executive session. Commissioner Shaw moved for a 30-minute executive session for non-elect personnel with Mrs. Newton present. Commissioner Searl

gave the second, motion passed 3-0 at 9:55 a.m. At 10:25 a.m. executive session was extended for 5 minutes. Open meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

County Counselor Zoe Newton updated the Board regarding the ongoing discussion with KDHE. Mrs. Newton stated an Attorney General's opinion has been requested and she has notified KDHE that while the matter is pending it would be best to conduct all business through Counsel.

The Board discussed how best to fulfill the State requirements for noxious weed control. The County would like to train and certify current Road & Bridge employees if any are interested. Ms. Wade was asked to inform the department and receive any inquiries.

Commissioner Shaw 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