

# **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 29, 2018**

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on June 29, 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, June 18, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade provided travel requests for approval and inform the Board that four Road & Bridge employees have expressed interest in becoming certified for noxious weed chemical application. The Board directed Ms. Wade to have those employees move forward with training.

Health Department Annie Blankinship provided the 2019 Women, Infant & Children (WIC) contract for a signature and discussed the grants that the Health Department receives.

Bill Sproul joined the meeting to speak in favor of continuing the noxious weed program and was encouraged by the plan to certify current employees.

Sue Kill attended the SCKEDD meeting in Wichita and reports that there are still loans available for starting a local business. Mrs. Kill stated the recycling project is having good participation.

Ms. Wade provided the Board with the job description for a noxious weed supervisor.

Commissioner Carpenter moved for a 30 minute executive session for attorney-client privilege at 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Searl gave the second and motion passed 3-0. At 9:55 a.m. executive session was extended for 10 minutes. At 10:05 a.m. executive session was extended 10 minutes. Open meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

Board request Mrs. Newton draft a letter in response to a taxpayer who had sent a letter to the Board regarding the noxious weed department.

The Board decided to join in a lawsuit regarding Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT).

Commissioner Shaw stated that the remaining chemical in the noxious weed truck tank had been removed by Mr. Bell of Sedan Farm Supply, who is properly licensed for handling the chemical, and the truck was delivered for scheduled maintenance. Mrs. Collier informed the board of a few deposits for previous chemical sales and provided two outstanding chemical sales invoices for review.

Mrs. Collier presented tax supplements for signatures and the estimate to repair the generator. Mrs. Collier informed the Board that AT&T email is now an option and an informational email will be sent to all departments. The Board decided to pay a small charge on the credit card bill now rather than wait for a credit to be applied in order to avoid a late charge and maintain the current 0% interest rate.

Commissioner Shaw and Commissioner Searl discussed the way in which property is appraised for the county valuations.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to pay \$100.00 to the Cascade community for the maintenance of the Ireland cemetery since it is county owned. Commissioner Searl gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenditures as follows:

| <b>Fund</b>                      | <b>Amount</b>        |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| General                          | \$ 16,729.85         |
| Equipment Reserve                | \$ 1,125.00          |
| Law Enforcement/EMS              | \$ 7,128.07          |
| Ambulance Dist #1                | \$ 4,230.00          |
| Ambulance Dist #2                | \$ 14,890.00         |
| Appraiser                        | \$ 476.37            |
| Council on Aging                 | \$ 18,000.00         |
| Election                         | \$ 47.63             |
| Fire Dist #8                     | \$ 4,000.00          |
| Fire Dist #5                     | \$ 2,000.00          |
| Fire Dist #1                     | \$ 10,000.00         |
| Fire Dist #2                     | \$ 6,000.00          |
| Fire Dist #3                     | \$ 7,000.00          |
| Fire Dist #4                     | \$ 13,500.00         |
| Fire Dist #6                     | \$ 1,500.00          |
| Health                           | \$ 4,914.70          |
| Mental Health                    | \$ 16,000.00         |
| Mental Retardation               | \$ 8,500.00          |
| Noxious Weed                     | \$ 8,591.36          |
| Road & Bridge                    | \$ 94,148.46         |
| County 911                       | \$ 952.48            |
| Solid Waste                      | \$ 1,697.49          |
| Treasurer's Auto                 | \$ 423.61            |
| Prosecutor & Training Assistance | \$ 279.08            |
| Treasurer Technology             | \$ 23.88             |
|                                  |                      |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>        | <b>\$ 242,157.98</b> |

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 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