

# **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

July 9, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on July 9, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Commissioner Goff Searl, Clerk Niki Collier and Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko were all present.

Commissioner Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioner Searl moved to approve the minutes of July 2, 2018.

Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden reported road rock has been applied to several locations throughout the county. In preparation for possible projects with the State, Mr. Haden and the Board discussed which bridges to maintain or replace. Mr. Haden advised he is working with the City of Sedan to improve and maintain the road around the ballpark.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade provided travel requests for signatures. Discussion continued regarding the increase in cost to the employee health plan for the coming year.

Courthouse Maintenance Richard Hambleton requested a weed eater be purchased for lawn care. The Board advised there is a weed eater at the county barn and is available for his use.

Valdena Stevenson requested assistance controlling Johnson grass near her residence. Mrs. Stevenson was advised that employees are currently training for the noxious weed position and once certified her request will be addressed.

County Counselor Zoe Newton joined by phone. Mrs. Newton advised that Noxious Weed Director submits reports to the State and the individual can have other duties as assigned. Discussion continued regarding maintenance of the County's right of ways and the spraying of non-regulated herbicides.

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 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

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Niki Collier, County Clerk