

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 16, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on July 16, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Commissioner Goff Searl, County Counselor Zoe Newton, Clerk Niki Collier and Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko were all present. Commissioner Goff Searl opened the meeting with prayer.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of July 9, 2018. Commissioner Searl 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. Mr. Haden stated the right of way near Peru has been completed and 911 signs have been installed. Mr. Haden reported the repairs to mower and trailer have also been completed. Commissioner Carpenter stated Rd. 26 needs a load of rock. Commissioner Searl stated a previous complaint made regarding rocks being left in the road by the grader, was made clear by the operator who was actually using the rock picker to remove rocks from the road at the time. Mr. Haden stated he had two employees he would like to send to training to further their mechanical skills. The Board stated it would be advantageous to have employees cross-trained.

County Counselor Zoe Newton stated she would be unable to attend the July 23, 2018 meeting in person, but could attend by phone.

County Clerk Niki Collier reported that she spoke to Weed Specialist Scott Marsh from Kansas Department of Agriculture regarding the Noxious Weed restrictions. Mr. Marsh gave a detailed list of requirements the Noxious Weed Director should have and that after an employee is hired for the position of Director they will need to complete training and the Board will submit a nomination form. Mrs. Collier further stated that Mr. Marsh confirmed that the County could continue to have employees spray non-restricted chemical on right of ways at this time, without any additional training.

Emily Powell of Solid Waste presented the monthly report and updated the Board regarding the department hiring a temporary part-time trash man.

County Clerk Niki Collier updated the Board regarding recent correspondence from Sedan Farm Supply. Mrs. Collier stated the Sheriff submitted an application for KCAMP's risk avoidance program after purchasing grill guards and will be reimbursed for the purchase. Mrs. Collier further advised the Board of new changes regarding the Prairie Star Newspaper, in which the minutes may only be published in the electronic edition due to an increase in printing cost. She stated she would also continue to publish the minutes on the county's website and Facebook and has them available for review in the Clerk's office.

Commissioner Searl made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the rodeo organized by the Cedar Vale Labor Day Association. Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Searl stated he received additional correspondence from Mrs. Duncan and provided it to Mrs. Newton and fellow Commissioners for review.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the expenditures as follows:

Fund	Amount
General	\$4,091.23
Law Enforcement	\$5,594.79
Appraiser	\$1,663.94
Election	\$748.20
Employee Benefit	\$2,385.80
Health	\$3,492.78
Noxious Weed	\$23.43
Road & Bridge	\$40,544.36
County 911	\$50.00
Solid Waste	\$5,664.65
Road Damage Deposit Fund	\$17,400.00
TOTAL Expenditures	\$81,659.18

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Searl, 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