

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 6, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on August 6, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Commissioner Goff Searl, County Counselor Zoe Newton, 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 31, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden reported that rock has been hauled to Rd. 3 and Frontier, Rd. 9 and Marshall, and Rd. 6 and Dalton and crews worked on a right of way at Rd. 10 and Prairie. Mr. Haden advised that the department assisted the Clerk's Office with placing signs throughout the County reminding people to vote. Commissioner Searl stated there was an area that needed to be bush hogged and asked about a curve on Rd. 30. Commissioner Shaw discussed possibly using different rock on Rd. 20 and stated he appreciated both graders being used on the Independence shortcut.

Chairman Shaw recessed the meeting for 5 minutes at 8:45 a.m. The meeting resumed at 8:50 a.m.

Billy Goode presented a weekly report regarding areas sprayed for noxious weed control and stated he was waiting on a proposal bid regarding renewal of the computer program used in the Noxious Weed department. Mr. Goode asked the Commission if they have made a decision regarding his pay and Commissioner Shaw stated that would be addressed while they reviewed the budget in upcoming weeks.

Annie Blankinship joined the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Crystal Wade of Human Resources joined the meeting with Josh Turner and Carmen Siegrist of USI and Andrea Huffman of Blue Cross Blue Shield by phone. Mr. Turner presented a proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield that showed a savings of over 30% for the employee health benefits. Discussion was held regarding the coverage options. Commissioner Searl made a motion to continue employee health care benefits with Blue Cross Blue Shield independent of the State policy, with USI as the broker for Chautauqua County. Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Jeremy Hendren, Appraiser and Caleb Black joined the meeting. At 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Carpenter moved for a 20 minute executive session to discuss non-elect personnel to maintain the privacy. Commissioner Searl gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. The open meeting resumed at 11:05 a.m.

Commissioner Searl made a motion to hire Caleb Black with a start date of August 14, 2018. Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Searl motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Shaw, 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