

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 23, 2013

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioners Goff Searl and Danny Williams were present as was County Clerk Janice A. Fine. County Counselor Larry King was absent. Danny Williams gave prayer. Amy Goode, Deputy Treasurer, joined the meeting as observer.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, provided commissioners with his weekly report. Crews were working on Rd. 14 and 12. There's a bad dip at Rd. 14 and Overland and crews are building up the road in that area. Crews installed a pipe on Rd. 14 and Quivera and had to build up the road as well. Crews are working the roads around Cedar Vale. Crews are working roads and clearing culverts in the west section of the county. At Frontier and Rd. 4 crews are working where there's a washout. Haden is waiting for confirmation that the fence was removed at the t-bone before work can begin in that area.

Crystal Wade, HR Manager, joined the meeting to update the commissioners on KWORCC. At the last notification, there were several open claims and claims have been reviewed and closed where appropriate, so that number has been reduced to two. If commissioners wish to speak with a representative regarding the final two claims that are open they may.

Rodney Burns, Auditor, joined the meeting to provide rough estimates on the county 2014 budget. Proposed benefit budget cost increases were discussed. Sheriff Perry Russell, Deputy Mark Hunsaker and Larry Robinette, Jail Administrator, joined the meeting. Commissioners and Auditor took each item for discussion and reductions. Commissioners asked Mr. Burns to take the reduced budget figures and bring back a draft at 11:00 a.m.

Mike Montgomery, Crawford County Appraiser, asked to speak with commissioners to discuss a possibility of representing Chautauqua County as Appraiser. Montgomery began appraising in Cherokee County and then moved to Crawford County. Montgomery could be available to us on a contractual basis. He has been certified since 1979. Montgomery is active politically with the Appraiser's Association. Crawford County has always been in compliance. Commissioners and Montgomery discussed challenges with Chautauqua County and some possibilities to help current employees do more with less. Montgomery offered that Orion (Appraiser software) allows authorized individuals to access information at any computer for analysis purposes so some of the work for Chautauqua County would be handled remotely. Commissioners asked what he would charge to represent Chautauqua County. Montgomery indicated he would provide all analysis that PVD requires and be available and in office at least two days a month. His annual salary request is \$40,000 per year without employee benefits.

William McCulley, McCulley and Associates, joined the meeting to discuss a potential contract to represent Chautauqua County as Appraiser. Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser, also joined the meeting. William McCulley could have Jeremy McCulley represent Chautauqua County. Since Jeremy McCulley is lacking some experience the contracted amount would be a bit less than the \$30,000.00 contracted with Mr. Terry Henning prior to his passing away. William McCulley has another appraiser that he could recommend if the commissioners requested to go in that direction. A four year contract for Appraiser representation is by state law. McCulley and Associates would release Chautauqua County from their contract when Hendren receives his certification.

Goff Searl made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for July 16, 2013. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

June 13, 2013 PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) was deposited in the amount of \$2,663.00 per Amy Goode, Deputy Treasurer.

Goff Searl made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes at 10:25 a.m. with Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser, to discuss non-elected personnel. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting in session at 10:36 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

County Auditor, Rodney Burns, met with commissioners again for budget review. Burn stated that monies are still not being receipted on time from the Treasurer's Office. Burns will provide a county budget draft on July 31, 2013.

County Clerk, Janice A. Fine, asked commissioners if they were ready to make a decision on her request to promote a department employee. Commissioners indicated they were tabling this item for now.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Danny D. Williams, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Chairman, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk