

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 10, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on September 10, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Commissioner Goff Searl, Counselor Zoe Newton, 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 September 4, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Bryan Hutchison joined the meeting to discuss the Oak Grove Cemetery access points. Mr. Hutchinson stated that previous litigation had determined that there were no easements or rights of way to his property. As a courtesy, Mr. Hutchison has and will continue to allow access to the cemetery through his property, though it is not legally required. Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden informed the Board that a new gate will be installed at the cemetery's main entrance located at the south end on Rd. 18 between Bronco and Cowboy.

Mr. Haden reported that rock had been applied to Rd. 12 & Kansas, road signs have been replaced in the southeast portion of the county and that Rd. 27 south of the Elk County line has been closed and the damaged culvert is being repaired. Mr. Haden stated that employees volunteered to run the road magnet after hours or on weekends for overtime pay. The Board took no action. Mr. Haden provided a bid for dust control and Commissioner Shaw explained that he was interested in finding out about the additives so that the County would be able to possibly complete the task themselves. Mr. Haden informed the Board that he had received another application and would speak with the individual today. Mr. Haden requested an executive session regarding an office position. At 8:55 a.m. Commissioner Carpenter moved for a 15 minute executive session for non-elect personnel for privacy. Commissioner Searl gave the second, motion passed 3-0. The session was extended 5 minutes and Jennifer Mc Known was asked to join. Open meeting resumed at 9:15 a.m.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade provided Delta Dental and Superior Vision contracts for review and signature. Ms. Wade stated that open enrollment should take place in October and USI would be on site to assist employees.

Judi St. Clair and Myra Creel provided by-laws for the senior citizen centers and requested the Commissioners consider contributing to the cost of transporting the recyclables to Fredonia. Mrs. Creel stated \$50.00 a month would pay for her fuel. The Board stated they would further review funds to determine the best way to assist in this matter. Emily Powell of Solid Waste Department requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters. At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Carpenter moved for a 20 minute executive session regarding non-elect personnel, to maintain privacy. Commissioner Searl gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0. The Board request Counselor Zoe Newton join and extended for 10 minutes. The executive session was thereafter extended three times. The open meeting resumed at 10:55 a.m.

Treasurer Amy Goode provided the tax sale list.

County Clerk Niki Collier presented the fire alarm bids and the Commissioners approved using D&A Electric bid to make the necessary replacement and repairs. Mrs. Collier stated a citizen left a message for the Commissioners with her office regarding mowing on Rd. 11 and she has already made Mr. Haden aware of the matter. Mrs. Collier asked the Commissioners what they would like to do regarding the invoice from Star Programming for the noxious weed software program and it was approved for payment.

After a short recess, at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Shaw moved for a 20 minute executive session regarding non-elect personnel with Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Newton. Commissioner Searl gave the second, motion passed 3-0. The executive session was extended for 15 minutes and the open meeting resumed at 12:10 p.m.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenditures as follows:

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$ 5,781.19
Equipment Reserve	\$ 23,637.00
Law Enforcement/EMS	\$ 17,901.94
Employee Benefit	\$ 2,385.80
Health	\$ 5,175.61
Noxious Weed	\$ 15.62
Road & Bridge	\$ 31,191.74
Special Bridge	\$ 7.86
County 911	\$ 556.96
Solid Waste	\$ 5,767.08
Total Expenditures	\$ 92,420.80

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.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