

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 1, 2018

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order on October 1, 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 September 28, 2018. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden advised the Board that rock has been applied to Rd. 10 & Rd. 11 at Ranch, Rd. 4 & Kansas, Rd. 12 & Lariat, Rd. 30 & Highway 166 going south from Niotaze, Rd. 21 & Cowboy, and Elgin Road. Two loads of rock have been added inside the Oak Grove Cemetery. The culvert at Rd. 23 and Lariat has been replaced. Commissioner Searl requested signs be installed for school buses loading children. Discussion continued regarding whether to pour wing walls or whether using prefab concrete blocks would be the best solution, as part of the repair to the bridge located at Road 27 and the Elk County line. A comparison of cost for both methods was requested by Commissioner Searl.

Commissioner Shaw stated that the keys to the chemical building will be picked up and stored in the Clerk's office for the time being. Commissioner Shaw went on to say the Board is structuring a plan to sell chemicals in which customers would purchase chemicals at the Road and Bridge office and take the receipt to the Road & Bridge shop during designated days and hours for pick up. The details will be finalized as soon as possible. Mr. Haden stated he felt that would be an acceptable arrangement.

Commissioner Shaw proposed the possibility of purchasing a larger brush hog that could mow the ditches more effectively. After discussion, Commission Shaw asked Mr. Haden to obtain quotes on equipment that could improve the coverage of the mowing.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade presented longevity raises for approval. Commissioner Searl raised a concern that one employee had been overlooked when the 3% cost of living increase was given to all County employees in December of 2016. Ms. Wade informed the Board that the employee in question was at that time considered a contractor and was hired as an employee in September 2017. Ms. Wade advised that because the date of his hire as an employee is after the cost of living increase, she did not believe that he was entitled to the increase. Discussion continued and Mrs. Collier offered to have Mrs. Newton join by phone. Commissioner Shaw suggested the Board consult with counsel before making a decision.

Sue Kill joined the meeting to inform the Board about a grant proposal drafted by Levi Lear. The grant could provide assistance for the demolition or rejuvenation of properties in Sedan. Commissioner Shaw asked Crystal Wade to rejoin the meeting since she is a member of Sedan City Council and stated a letter of support from the City of Sedan would show community support.

Emily Powell of Solid Waste Department provided the monthly reports for review by the Board.

Chairman Shaw recessed the regular meeting and opened the Solid Waste Delinquency Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

The Board heard from two account holders and made payment arrangements with both. After review of the delinquent account lists, Commissioner Shaw made the motion to accept the delinquent lists as amended and apply the delinquent charges to real property or to the Kansas set-off program for the 2018 year. Commissioner Searl gave the second, the motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Shaw closed the Delinquent Solid Waste hearing and resumed the regular meeting.

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 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