

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 14, 2019

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on January 14, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Commissioner Parker Massey, Clerk Niki Collier, Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko, County Counselor Zoe Newton and Rudy Taylor were all present.

County Counselor Zoe Newton reminded the Board of the need to reorganize since a new Commissioner has been sworn in. Commissioner Shaw advised the Clerk's office had prepared the draft appointment list in preparation for reorganization of the Board.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of Monday, January 7, 2019. Commissioner Massey gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

At 8:32 a.m. Clerk Niki Collier requested a ten-minute executive session for non-elect personnel. Commissioner Shaw moved for a ten-minute executive session regarding non-elect personnel, Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0. The regular meeting resumed at 8:35 a.m.

Commissioner Shaw made a motion to appoint the Prairie Star as the County's official newspaper. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Massey made a motion to appoint Commissioner Shaw as the Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Shaw moved to accept the 2018 appointment list. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer Amy Goode joined the meeting and asked if the county newspaper has been discussed yet. Commissioner Shaw stated the Prairie Star had been appointed. Mrs. Goode requested an executive session for non-elect personnel. At 8:40 a.m. Commissioner Shaw moved for a ten-minute executive session regarding non-elect personnel and requested Counselor Newton join them. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Mrs. Goode stated she presented information two months ago regarding the Cedar Vale Lookout and the difference in cost. Mrs. Goode stated that the costs impact her budget the most, due to publication of the tax list. Commissioner Shaw stated Mrs. Goode would be asked to rejoin the meeting when the Sheriff is able to join.

Human Resources Administrator Crystal Wade presented longevity raises and a contract for signatures. Mrs. Newton stated that the name listed on the contract needed to be change to Chautauqua County. Ms. Wade stated she had contacted the company and requested a copy with the change, as well as requesting the same correction to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield documents.

Sheriff Richard Newby joined the meeting. At 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Shaw moved for a fifteen-minute executive session regarding non-elect personnel and requested Counselor Newton and Treasurer Amy Goode to join them. Commissioner Massey gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden reported that rock had been laid at Road 8 and Frontier, Road 22 and Lariat, Road 22 and Cowboy and Road 27 and Union. Mr. Haden stated the crew had been preparing the site of the new bridge for construction.

Appraiser Jeremy Hendren reported the Jeep had broken down and the cost to repair it was more than the vehicle was valued. A 2019 Jeep had been purchase from Jim Glover for \$22,000 and he had a document that needed to be signed regarding the purchase. Mr. Hendren presented a contract from Kimble Mapping for signatures.

Emily Powell joined the meeting to provide an update regarding the insurance claim for the trash truck. Mrs. Powell stated an adjuster had been out to observe the vehicle, however, she is still waiting to hear back from KCAMP.

Commissioner Shaw stated the Board considered redistricting pursuant to K.S.A. 19-204, since there is not a recent census there will be no redistricting at this time.

At 9:38 a.m. Sheriff Richard Newby entered the meeting and stated he had an update for the Board. Commissioner Shaw moved for a ten-minute executive session regarding non-elect personnel and requested Counselor Newton to join them. Commissioner Massey gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Shaw requested a twenty-minute executive session for attorney-client privilege. Commissioner Massey gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0. The executive session was extended for fifteen minutes. The open meeting resumed at 10:25 a.m.

The Board requested Treasurer Goode provide tax information for two parcels. Mrs. Goode stated the taxes were current on the two parcels in question. The Board instructed Mrs. Newton to take no action at this time regarding the foreclosure matter.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Shaw moved for a fifteen-minute executive session with Crystal Wade of Human Resources and Counselor Newton regarding non-elect personnel. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

The Board directed Mrs. Collier to schedule Gary Wilson on the agenda for Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Mrs. Collier presented requested reports and information regarding the Noxious Weeds annual report. Mrs. Collier presented the annual General Accepted Accounting Practices Resolution for approval. Commissioner Massey moved to adopt the GAAP Resolution for 2019, Commissioner Shaw gave the second. Motion passed 3-0.

Mrs. Collier stated that Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator reported the windshield in a County vehicle has a chip. Mrs. Collier advised repair would cost less than the insurance deductible. The Board directed to have the vehicle repaired.

Commissioner Carpenter stated he was told there was some interest in the Noxious Weed position. Commissioner Shaw stated he hoped the position would be filled soon but was confident chemicals could be sold regardless.

Mrs. Goode requests that the Board consider alternating yearly between the Prairie Star and Cedar Vale Lookout as the County newspaper. This would save the Treasurer's office money on publications. Discussion was held, and the Board was agreeable to consider an annual rotation in the future.

Commissioners reviewed, and approved expenditures as follows:

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$ 54,979.90
Equipment Reserve	\$ 22,399.00
Law Enforcement/EMS	\$ 30,757.52
Appraiser	\$ 1,182.53
Election	\$ 203.87
Employee Benefit	\$ 73,475.00
Health	\$ 2,235.39
Noxious Weed	\$ 396.81
Road & Bridge	\$ 26,303.42
County 911	\$ 372.27
Solid Waste	\$ 9,668.36
Total Expenditures	\$ 221,974.07

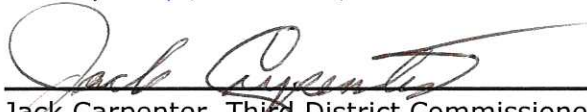
Commissioner Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Carpenter; motion passed 3-0.



Parker Massey, First District Commissioner



Rodney Shaw, Chairman, Second District Commissioner



Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:



Niki Collier, County Clerk

