

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 11, 2019

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on February 11, 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, and County Counselor Zoe Newton were all present.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2019. Commissioner Massey gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden stated road material had been hauled to Bronco Rd. from Road 21 going east. Ice control was provided to Cedar Vale and the shop. Main roads were graded to begin ice removal. The weather had prevented the use of the Starfire in areas previously requested.

Commissioner Shaw stated a recommendation had been made and moved to appoint Charles McMillan to the Ten County Area Agency on Aging Board. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

County Counselor Zoe Newton informed the Board that she would like to continue with her subscription to LexisNexis and stated there is a significant discount if purchased as a government entity. Discussion was held, and Commissioner Shaw asked how many users could be added and would other departments find this service useful. Counselor Newton stated she uses the resource to advise County Department Heads all the time and the County Attorney would be able to access it as well. Mrs. Newton stated she would obtain more information regarding the number of users and cost and report back to the board.

Mrs. Newton stated she received a motion to dismiss from the litigation matter and will check with District Court for a copy. Mrs. Newton also reported that KWORCC was able to provide her with the statute that confirms the Department of Labor indeed has the authority to complete the inspection of County property. Mrs. Newton also stated she had been in contact with Annie Blankinship regarding a complaint made to the Health Department involving a water source in the City of Sedan and advised Mrs. Blankinship to send correspondence to the City to make them aware of the concern.

Richard Hambleton stated that on Thursday he cleared one shovel path from the sidewalks to each entrance of the building as he was trained to do ten years ago. Mr. Hambleton questioned if the protocol had changed. Commissioner Shaw stated he was concerned with ice remaining on the sidewalks, knowing the Health Department scheduled WIC appointments on Friday the 8th and many people would be coming and going. Mr. Hambleton stated he had hired two individuals to help clear the ice as directed and ask the Board to decide on the wages to be paid. Commissioner Shaw suggested minimum wage, and Commissioner Carpenter suggested \$8.00 an hour. The Board agreed to pay the contract labor \$8.00 an hour.

Emily Powell and Dale Stone of Solid Waste advised the Board of options for replacing the wrecked truck. A brand-new truck would cost \$185,000.00 and would not be ready until

April. A display model was available for \$138,000 that would be ready in the next week after a few needed upgrades. Commissioner Shaw stated he felt after looking at the truck that was totaled in the wreck it would be better to accept the insurance claim and purchase a new truck. The Board agreed to purchase the less expensive truck. Mrs. Powell requested that the Board consider allowing her to attend an online seminar in the future and that she would utilize technical support in the meantime.

County Clerk Niki Collier addressed the statements made last week, stating she did not make any changes to the bank accounts but only provided the letters that the Board needed to make changes on the accounts. A task that has long been documented in the minutes as being handled by the County Clerk and she provided each Commissioner with a copy of past minutes and statutes that she operates by regularly. Mrs. Collier stated she should have provided a copy of the letters to the Treasurer, that was an oversight and all similar documents in the future will be provided.

Treasurer Amy Goode provided a sample resolution that would allow long-standing balances of less than \$50.00 to be written off. Mrs. Goode stated there were some parcels that have owed less than \$50.00 for more than twenty years and she would like to clean them up. Mrs. Newton stated she would review the resolution and do some additional research and report back to the Board. Mrs. Goode stated she had a change in her office and needed to remove Delena Santos and add Sheena Talley as a signer at the bank. Commissioner Shaw moved to remove Delena Santos and add Sheena Talley to the County's bank accounts. Commissioner Massey gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0. Mrs. Goode stated she would like the minutes to reflect Mrs. Fine was previously removed from the online account in 2017. Commissioner Shaw stated the Board had approved the previous minutes and the information was clear. Mrs. Goode was provided with a copy of the minutes. Commissioner Shaw further stated he felt everything was cleared up and he would like to move past this matter.

Annie Blankinship and Misti Byers of the Health Department gave the monthly report. Mrs. Blankinship reported there was a complaint involving a dog that allegedly got sick after playing in the water at the Hollow and the owner would like the water tested. Mrs. Blankinship stated since this was city property she was notifying the City of Sedan. Mrs. Blankinship gave an update regarding the health department generator that is stored at the county shop, she has made arrangements to be notified when it was being used so she may indicate that on annual grant reports. Mrs. Blankinship asked if the Board was ready to revisit the matter of giving the Health Department employees a 2% raise. She reminded them that she reduced the budget by \$35,000 and with her leaving it saves an additional \$5,000. Commissioner Shaw asked her to provide Commissioner Massey information to allow him time to review it, and this matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

Jennifer McNown asked if the Noxious Weed report was completed and Commissioner Shaw stated it would be completed and submitted today. Commissioner Shaw called Scott Marsh and left a message regarding a letter received. Mrs. McNown stated she has started receiving phone calls regarding chemical sales. Billy Goode provided information regarding restricted chemical application.

Commissioner Shaw asked if any of the other Commissioners were interested in joining Kansas League of Municipalities and the consensus was no.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenditures as follows:

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$ 1,273.58
Law Enforcement/EMS	\$ 4,524.01
Appraiser	\$ 217.14
Health	\$ 1,012.87
Road & Bridge	\$ 8,425.34
Special Bridge	\$ 624.78
County 911	\$ 50.00
Solid Waste	\$ 4,413.70
VIN Fees to State	\$ 132.00
DL Fees to State	\$ 150.00
Prosecutor & Training Asst.	\$ 518.50
Total Expenditures	\$ 21,341.92

Commissioner Shaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Massey, motion passed 3-0.

/s/ Parker Massey

Parker Massey, First District Commissioner

/s/ Rodney Shaw

Rodney Shaw, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

/s/ Jack Carpenter

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Niki Collier

Niki Collier, County Clerk