

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 4, 2019

Commissioner Parker Massey called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on March 4, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Clerk Niki Collier, Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko, and County Counselor Zoe Newton were all present.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 2019. Commissioner Massey gave the second and the motion passed 2-0.

Chairman Rodney Shaw joined by phone.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden stated crews hauled rock to several locations last week and ice control had been applied Sunday morning. Discussion continued regarding the need to purchase a tractor and bush hog to maintain ditches. Mr. Haden will request bids and update the Board when they are received. Commissioner Shaw asked if any other equipment needs should be considered before purchasing the tractor. Mr. Haden stated the graders were in working order and the need of a semi-truck and trailer is several years away at this time. The Board discussed the need for the rock picker to be utilized more often. Mr. Haden agreed but stated often manpower is needed elsewhere.

Solid Waste Department Office Manager Emily Powell informed the Board that the annual groundwater test at the closed County Landfill will be scheduled soon. Commissioner Massey inquired about the status of an additional dumpster at the Cedar Vale location. Mrs. Powell stated it was delivered on Friday.

District Court Clerk Cindy Weaver joined to continue planning for the needed safety remodel of District Court Offices. Mrs. Weaver had requested a more detailed estimate from one of the companies submitting bids and did not receive a response. Commissioner Massey moved for a 10-minute executive session with Mrs. Newton in attendance to discuss security measures, open discussion of such matters would jeopardize security of the building. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0 at 9:05 a.m. Open meeting resumed at 9:15 a.m.

Emergency Manager Cody Collier stated he will be attending the final regional mitigation planning meeting in Fredonia this afternoon. Once the plan for the region is approved by FEMA, it will be presented for the Board to review and decide if Chautauqua County will adopt it or not. Mrs. Newton asked if she understood correctly that the mitigation plan referred to non-emergency funds. Mr. Collier stated that mitigation is for pre-disaster funds to allow for better preparation. In the event of a disaster the County would be eligible to apply for State and Federal aid.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Massey, motion passed 3-0.

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Parker Massey, First District Commissioner

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Rodney Shaw, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

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Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Niki Collier, County Clerk