

# **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 29, 2019**

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on March 29, 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 March 18, 2019. Commissioner Massey gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Jennifer McNown of the Road & Bridge office provided a new tractor bid. Commissioners agreed they would review the bid and discuss it with Mr. Haden on Monday.

Tim Nordell presented information to clarify his previous statement regarding a projected State budget shortfall. Mr. Nordell provided a Legislative Policy Guide for 2019 that states the Kansas Legislative Research Department calculations projected more than a \$1 billion revenue shortfall over the next four years. Discussion was held regarding the material and Commissioner's thanked Mr. Nordell for the information.

County Counselor Zoe presented the Westlaw contract for signatures.

Richard Hambleton informed the Board that D&A Electric would be on the premises next week to complete needed work.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade with USI representatives Trent Nichols and Josh Turner joined the meeting to discuss employee health benefit solutions for the upcoming year. They discussed incentive programs to control health insurance increases over the long term. Ms. Wade request an employee committee be formed to discuss incentive programs and other concerns.

Solid Waste Department Office Manager Emily Powell provided the monthly cash report for the Board to review and the ARSI collection contract for signatures. Mrs. Powell provided documents for Mrs. Newton to review.

Michael Clark presented a bid for annual herbicide treatments. Mr. Clark stated the treatments can reduce mowing needs. The Board felt with tax increases possible, now is not the time to spend additional funds on lawn maintenance. Commissioner Shaw inquired about Mr. Clarks licenses and what they included. Mr. Clark stated his current certification did not include a license for noxious weed and he is not equipped to spray pastures.

Treasurer Amy Goode provided documents showing that employees did not receive a reduction on the employee share of health insurance costs for 2019.

County Clerk Niki Collier provided a drafted letter per request of the Commissioners to be reviewed and signed.

Commissioner Massey moved for a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elect personnel. Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passes 3-0.

The Board began discussing spring chemical stock and sales. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the end of month expenditures totaling \$238,512.45.

Commissioner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Shaw, 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