

# **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 8, 2019**

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on April 8, 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 April 1, 2019. Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden stated rock had been hauled to several locations throughout the County. Mr. Haden updated the Board on the progress of the bridge replacement project. Commissioner Shaw stated that the Board might need to consider placing speed limits on the ball park road due to excessive speeds. Commissioner Carpenter moved for a 30-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, with Mr. Haden in attendance. Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passed 3-0 at 8:47 a.m. The open meeting resumed at 9:10 a.m.

Jennifer McNown from the Road & Bridge office joined the meeting with Ms. Wade to request an executive session. Commissioner Shaw moved for a 15-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, with Mrs. McNown and Ms. Wade in attendance. Commissioner Massey gave the second and the motion passed 3-0 at 9:12 a.m. The executive session was extended for 15-minutes and the open meeting resumed at 9:41 a.m.

District Court Clerk Cindy Weaver joined the meeting to discuss reimbursing the building fund at the end of the year for the District Court remodel. The Board clarified their intent to be reimbursed if District Court had funds available at the end of the year.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade provided travel request and longevity increases for approval. Clerk Niki Collier discussed the possibility of using a consent agenda for these and other regularly occurring matters. Mrs. Newton expanded on the type of items that could be included on a consent agenda and suggested that because these documents are expenses they should not be included. Ms. Wade inquired if the Board would rather have these items submitted without her regular attendance. Commissioners Shaw stated that Ms. Wade should attend when providing the documents since the Board usually had questions that needed answered.

Commissioner Shaw asked about the County policy regarding nepotism. Ms. Wade provided the information. Commissioner Shaw stated a concern was brought to his attention about information given to an applicant. Commissioner Shaw moved for a 20-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel in order to maintain privacy of the employee. Commissioner Massey gave the second and the motion passed 3-0 at 10:00 a.m. The open meeting resumed at 10:08 a.m. Commissioner Shaw recessed the meeting for 5-minutes.

Commissioner Massey moved for a 15-minute executive session to maintain the privacy of non-elected personnel. Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passed 3-0 at 10:10 a.m. The executive session was extended and the open meeting resumed at 10:37 a.m.

Commissioner Shaw stated that he had received a complaint regarding the mowing. The purchase of a leaf blower was approved to assist with lawn maintenance.

Mrs. Newton requested an executive session. Commissioner Shaw moved for a 20-minute executive session to maintain the privacy of non-elected personnel with Mrs. Newton in attendance. Commissioner Massey gave the second and the motion passed 3-0 at 10:45 a.m. Crystal Wade joined and the executive session was extended. The regular meeting resumed at 11:12 a.m.

Commissioner Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, 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