

# **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 22, 2019**

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on April 22, 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 15, 2019. Commissioner Massey gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden reported rock had been applied north of Peru on Rd. 25, Lariat & Rd. 29, and Heritage & Rd. 25, and crews have replaced and maintained culverts. Mr. Haden stated he will be ordering speed limit signs for the ball field road. Mr. Haden informed the Board that an employee will not be returning, and he will need to fill the position. The Board inquired about the delivery status of the tractor and brush hog to be purchased, Mr. Haden said he had no new information and will call John Deere about it. Commissioner Massey asked for more information regarding the cattle guard previously discussed. Mrs. Collier advised that the resolution previously adopted contained the information he was interested in and that matter was also filed with the Register of Deeds and should have appeared in a title search for a new land owner.

Commissioner Shaw informed Jennifer McNown that the chemical shed has been organized and all chemical that should not be sold has been marked and set aside. Marshall Beeler has been advised of the same. Chemical may be purchased in the Road & Bridge office on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Courthouse and pick-up will be limited to Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The Chemicals currently available for sale are Escort, Remedy, 24D, and Pasture Gard. Mrs. McNown questioned if the Board had considered the request to make the other Road & Bridge clerk a full time position. The Board stated they are considering the request and will have an answer later today.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade provided travel requests for approval.

County Counselor Zoe Newton informed the Board about training that she will attend in Salina. Mrs. Newton presented the revised legal data base agreement for a signature and stated she is continuing to work with the County insurance company and District Court to develop a construction contract.

County Clerk Niki Collier informed the Board the Canvass of the May 7<sup>th</sup> election is scheduled for Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Collier discussed the upcoming purchase of election equipment. Commissioner Shaw inquired about the life expectance of the equipment selected. Mrs. Collier stated that the current equipment is 12-15 years old; however the technology is much older. Mrs. Collier further informed the Board that there was a need for a new polling location in Cedar Vale and she would like to have a small committee formed of voters from the effected precincts to assist with choosing a new location.

Commissioner Shaw advised there was a meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> where the possibility of a Construction & Demolition landfill North of Sedan was discussed. Rep. Doug Blex, Mayor

Jack Warren and Mr. Gorby of G&G Demolition attended the meeting. Mr. Gorby offered different options to work with the cities, such as pay arrangements or discounts during his slow season making his services more affordable.

Commissioner Massey moved for a 20-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel in order to maintain the privacy of the personnel. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0 at 9:40 a.m. The regular meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

The Board requested Ms. Wade and informed her that Ms. Hatton will be changed to full time status effective immediately to coincide with the first day of the pay period.

Commissioner Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 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