

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 20, 2019

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on May 20, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Commissioner Parker Massey, Clerk Niki Collier, and County Counselor Zoe Newton were all present.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019, Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Massey moved to approve the minutes of the Canvass of May 13, 2019, Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden stated rock had been spread on Rd. 30 and Kansas and Grafton, a culvert was installed at Rd. 27 & Union and progress has been made on the wing wall project. Mr. Haden reported that crews had been out on Sunday clearing trees and downed road signs, due to storms.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade presented travel requested for approval. It was further stated that the Health Department Administrator, Misti Byers also requested permission to close the office for a half day to allow staff to attend training and the Commissioners approved the request. Ms. Wade asked for an executive session to maintain the privacy of non-elected personnel. At 8:45 a.m. Commissioner Carpenter moved for a ten-minute executive session to maintain the privacy of non-elected personnel. Commissioner Massey gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. The regular meeting resumed at 8:55 a.m.

County Clerk Niki Collier reviewed correspondence with the Board regarding a zoning question.

Brad Harter, Leslie Talley, Shane Signer and, Jim Bell appeared as the Fire Review Board. County Counselor Zoe Newton requested a five-minute executive session regarding attorney-client confidentiality. At 9:05 a.m. Commissioner Shaw so moved, Commissioner Massey gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. At 9:10 a.m. the regular meeting resumed. The Fire Review Board presented open burn violations to the Board. After some discussion, the Commissioners requested additional information and the parties agreed to provide that information in a few minutes.

Wayne Gudmonson, District Engineer, Darrin Petrowsky, Area Engineer and Kristy Kelley, Community Affairs Manager of KDOT joined the meeting for their annual visit and listening tour. Mr. Gudmonson reported that the designated \$500,000.00 for the Cedar Vale project was on the back burner until it was decided what to do with Highway 99. Commissioner Shaw stated it was his opinion that the citizens would want the \$500,000 used to fix Highway 99. Mr. Gudmonson is unaware if Highway 99 is included in the upcoming 10-year plan and stated that State Highway 99 is basically a freight corridor even though it is not designated as such. Commissioner Carpenter asked how much road material could be milled off the top and used to create a shoulder. Mr. Gudmonson explained the process and stated the slope of the highway edge is too steep to hold material. Crystal Wade stated if the highway could not hold a shoulder how was it safe? Mr. Gudmonson stated that he had been assigned to this highway since 1986 and it has always been a concern. Becky Smilko stated

if the highway was such a concern why are they still allowing oversized loads to share the road with school buses and putting her children & others at risk when they travel. Mrs. Smilko suggested if Highway 99 could not be fixed the State should at least restrict oversized loads from traveling on it. Mr. Gudmonson stated with recent wrecks and attention to the concerns there was a good shot at a solution.

Brad Harter, Leslie Talley, Shane Signer returned with more details regarding one of the open burn violation assessments. Dave Deal joined by phone. Discussion was held and Mr. Signer stated he would get information from dispatch and report back. After further discussion, the Board requested hearings be scheduled for June 10, 2019, and requested the Clerk to send a notice of hearing to the individuals.

County Counselor Zoe Newton updated the Board about the District Court remodel contract stating the contractor's insurance company was working on additionally requested coverage, however, there has not been communication regarding the status. Mrs. Newton suggested getting more bids and Commissioner Shaw stated there was very little interest in the initial bidding process.

County Counselor Zoe Newton requested an executive session regarding attorney-client confidentiality. Commissioner Massey moved for a ten-minute executive session regarding attorney-client confidentiality, Commissioner gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. At 10:05 a.m. The regular meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

Commissioner Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 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