

# **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 17, 2019**

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on June 17, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Commissioner Parker Massey, County Counselor Zoe Newton, Clerk Niki Collier, and Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko were all present.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2019. Commissioner Shaw gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden reported rock was applied to Rd. 26 & Indian Rd., Rd. 9 & Dalton, as well as various spot repair locations. Mr. Haden stated that repairs are being made to the excavator in preparation for repairs to the bridge at Bronco and HWY 99. Commissioner Shaw requested that the bridge be made a top priority even if it means contracting the work out.

County Counselor Zoe Newton presented information regarding the question of payment of witness fees. Mrs. Newton stated she would develop a more complete list of fees that should also be reviewed and provide it at the next meeting.

Greg Hennen with Four County Mental Health Center provided the annual report and funding request. Mr. Hennen stated Four County was interested in submitting a Community Development Building Grant to establish a local facility in Sedan. He advised the Commissioners would have to submit the CDBG application, however, Four County would provide for the expense of the application process if the County decides to participate.

Joe Reed submitted the annual funding request for the Friends of the Chautauqua County Animal Shelter and stated there is a \$1,800.00 a year shortage pertaining to wages that he would like the County to pay. Mr. Reed stated he would like the budget to be increased to \$7,560.00 for 2020.

Leah Lawrence provided a map of areas treated for noxious weeds last week and stated she is documenting locations that will need additional treatment.

County Clerk Niki Collier provided communication from KCAMP regarding the claim to repair the roof. Mrs. Collier presented an election equipment contract for review and answered questions regarding the purchase. Mrs. Collier informed the Board of a new election law that now requires a post-election audit to hand count one percent of the precincts each election. Mrs. Collier requested as the Public Information Officer and the records keeper for the Board, that she be made administrator of the social media and web pages. Mrs. Collier stated at this time while she does have access to these accounts; she is not the administrator and would follow up with the administrators to get more information.

County Appraiser Jeremy Hendren joined the meeting and provided the annual consulting contract for McCully & Associates.

Mrs. Collier advised the Board that budget estimates were mailed, however, the State of Kansas omitted six taxing units regarding a utility company's assessed valuation. The State will deliver a correction later this year. Mrs. Collier provided letters notifying affected entities of the error and provided last year's valuation amount to allow them to have a better idea of how to budget.

Mrs. Collier provided the Board with budget worksheets to review for the upcoming budget planning meetings.

County Counselor Zoe Newton stated she was going to provide a list for the Board to review regarding fees and cost. County Treasurer Amy Goode joined the meeting, and Mrs. Newton stated the litigation for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes had been ruled on and information regarding a possible settlement has been submitted.

Commissioner Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Massey, 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