

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 28, 2019

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on June 28, 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 17, 2019. Commissioner Massey gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Becky Smilko requested use of the courthouse lawn August 4 through August 9 in the evening for the Community Vacation Bible School. Commissioners approved VBS to use the lawn.

Lana Blankinship gave an update for the Veterans Memorial and reported so far, they have raised a total of \$1,957.56. Ms. Blankinship stated the committee had a float and a booth at the Yellow Brick Road Festival and will also participate in fair.

County Counselor Zoe Newton stated now that she is considered an employee and not a contractor, she is concerned that using her own electronic devices may be considered work property and requested the Board allow her to have a voicemail and laptop for County business. Mrs. Collier stated that she had been informed a voicemail could be set up at no additional cost and she may have a laptop available that is not currently in use. The Commissioners agreed to a voicemail extension and the use of an existing laptop.

County Clerk Niki Collier stated she had visited with the administrators of the website and Facebook account, and found information regarding how it was set up. Mrs. Collier stated that Mrs. Goode had been helpful in contacting the correct assistance to add her as an administrator to the County's website. Mrs. Collier stated she found that in 2015 Crystal Wade was approved by the Board to manage the County's Facebook page. As the PIO (Public Information Officer) Mrs. Collier requested administrative rights to the County's Facebook. County Counselor Zoe Newton stated regardless of who is the administrator of the page, it is owned by the Board of County Commissioners and they are responsible for it. Commissioner Massey stated

he believed regular communication should take place in the minutes and in person. Commissioner Shaw asked if all the information that is posted on Facebook is on the County website and Mrs. Collier stated it was.

Commissioner Massey stated he understood Facebook was the fastest way to get information out, however he did not feel it was professional and that people could find information on the official website. Commissioner Shaw moved to discontinue the County's Facebook page, Commissioner Massey gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Connie Kirchner discussed road concerns with the Board and stated the rock picker needed to be used on her road. Discussion was held and she stated there had been a recent improvement but more work needed to be done.

Human Resource Administrator Crystal Wade presented travel requests for approval.

At 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Shaw moved for a five-minute executive session with Zoe Newton to discuss non-elected personnel in order to maintain the privacy of the personnel. Commissioner Massey gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

At 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Shaw moved for a thirty-minute executive session with Crystal Wade 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. Regular meeting resumed at 9:50 a.m.

Treasurer Amy Goode reported that 93.75 % of assessed taxes have been collected to date.

At 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Shaw moved for a five-minute executive session with Niki Collier to discuss non-elected personnel in order to maintain the privacy of the personnel. Commissioner Massey gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. Regular meeting resumed at 10:06 a.m.

Commissioner Shaw moved for a ten-minute executive session at 10:18 a.m. 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. Regular meeting resumed at 10:28

There was discussion regarding the furniture, trash, and limbs, dumped outside of the dumpsters located at the animal shelter in Sedan. The Board directed that a sign be placed reminding Sedan residents that the City has a location for the limb debris and should inquire at the Sedan City offices.

Budget planning was discussed and review will begin on Monday, July 1st.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenditures totaling \$48,539.50.

Commissioner Massey moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m.,
seconded by Commissioner Shaw, motion passed 3-0.

Parker Massey, First District Commissioner

Rodney Shaw, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Niki Collier, County Clerk