

# **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**July 1, 2019**

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on July 1, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House.

Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Commissioner Parker Massey, County Counselor Zoe Newton, and Clerk Niki Collier were all present.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of June 28, 2019. Commissioner Shaw gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Joel Haden reported road material has been delivered throughout the County. Repairs to the bridge on Bronco Rd. and highway 99 are scheduled to begin later this week. Concrete work is being completed that the bridge near Butch Lewis, allowing for repairs to continue. A radiator is being rebuilt for the excavator. Mr. Haden request that the Board consider a cost of living increase for the Road & Bridge department. Commissioners discussed several areas of roadway that are in need of attention. Commissioner Carpenter moved for a 15-minute executive session of non-elected personnel, in order to maintain privacy, with Mr. Haden in attendance. Commissioner Shaw gave the second, motion passed 3-0 at 8:45 AM. The meeting reopened at 8:56 AM.

Dale Stone of the Solid Waste department joined the meeting. Commissioner Shaw moved for a 15-minute executive session of non-elected personnel in order to maintain privacy with Mr. Stone in attendance. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0 at 9:00 AM. The meeting reopened at 9:15 AM.

Judge Casement joined the meeting on behalf of the Roundup Club, to request assistance with weed control around the arena in preparation for fair and rodeo week. The Board agreed to have the arena sprayed. Discussion continued regarding Judge Casements letter requesting that the County increase the fee paid to Court appointed attorneys. Judge Casement requests the response in the form of a letter from the Board.

At 9:30 AM Commissioner Carpenter moved for a five-minute executive session with Crystal Wade to discuss non-elected personnel in order to maintain the privacy of the personnel. Commissioner Shaw gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0. The session was extended for 5 minutes.

County Counselor Zoe Newton presented information regarding court fees that are required to be paid by the County.

Commissioner Shaw moved for a thirty-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel in order to maintain the privacy of the personnel, with Solid Waste employees. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0 at 10:00 AM. The open meeting resumed at 10:18 AM.

Mrs. Collier provided information regarding retention requirements in relation to the county Facebook page. Mrs. Newton suggests the best practice would be to download the page and store it digitally for one year to accommodate retention requirements. The Board agreed to this course of action.

The Board took a 10-minute recess.

County Appraiser Jeremy Hendren joined the meeting for a valuation discussion. Mr. Hendren stated the information he receives from the state of Kansas increased the valuation of agricultural lands. Mr. Hendren requested an executive session. Commissioner Carpenter moved for a ten-minute executive session with Mr. Hendren 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 11:00 AM. Open meeting resumed at 11:10 AM.

Crystal Wade was advised Dee Wade has been named deputy appraiser.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to pay the Cascade Community \$100 for mowing a county cemetery. Commissioner Shaw gave the second, the motion passed 3-0.

After additional discussion of attorney's fees Commissioner Massey moved to send a letter to Judge Casement increasing attorney fees to \$70.00 an hour. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff Newby joined the meeting and answered questions regarding staffing and radio equipment plans.

The Board began reviewing department budgets.

Commissioner Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 AM, 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