

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 31, 2019

Chairman Rodney Shaw called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on July 31, 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.

Interim Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark McCall provided an update on repairs, grading and road crews.

Department heads and elected officials joined the meeting and best cash handling procedures were discussed.

Solid Waste Office Manager Melissa Terrill provided the landfill monitoring report.

Richard Hambleton stated the roof repairs were complete and gave an update of other repairs throughout the courthouse. Commissioner Carpenter asked for an update regarding the demolition of the old jail. Mr. Hambleton stated no progress has been made due to the previous arranged labor no longer being interested in completing the job.

County Counselor Zoe Newton stated she had information she would like added to the county website. County Clerk Niki Collier requested approval to work with tech support to update the website and allow it to be more user friendly. Permission was given to update the website.

County Treasurer Amy Goode provided an update on the upcoming delinquent tax sale.

911 Director and Deputy Larry Robinette thanked the Commissioner's for support during his years of service to Chautauqua County.

Auditor Rodney Burns reviewed the first draft of the 2020 budget with the Commissioners. Commissioner Shaw inquired about ways to further reduce the mill levy for taxpayers. Mr. Burns answered questions and cautioned against lowering the levy too much, since the tax lid law is still in place and severely limits future increases. Commissioner Shaw persisted, and Commissioner Massey agreed that constituents have requested some tax relief. Commissioner Carpenter made some suggestions to reduce the proposed mill levy.

Mr. Burns presented a second draft budget and stated he would return the following week to continue working on budget preparation.

Commissioners reviewed and approved expenditures totaling \$108,354.39.

Commissioner Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 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