

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 3, 2013

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioners Goff Searl and Danny Williams were present as was County Counselor Larry King and County Clerk Janice A. Fine. Danny Williams gave prayer.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, provided the commission with his weekly report. Commissioners received an invitation to an Enbridge Open House. Crews have reworked the hills at Sycamore Crossing, Heritage and Rd. 11. Crews have worked on Rd. 14 South of 166. Crews have rocked Bronco and Rd. 26 going east around the curve: South of Rd. 19 and Eagle: East of Chautauqua on Cowboy and in that general area: Dalton and Rd. 29 on the hill: Quivera and Rd. 23, approximately 19 loads in that area: Bronco is being worked: Marshall and Rd. 14 going west: Rd. 13 South of Frontier: Rd. 11 and Buck Cemetery: a right of way is finished at Marshall and Rd. 14; Bridge planks replaced on Rd. 24 and Lariat: road work completed at Heritage and Rd. 10: a washout fixed at Dalton and East: Patched pipes on Rd, 27 and 166 South. There is a road grader past warranty and they are having oil sending unit issues. They took it to Wichita and a cracked head was identified. They will bring it back and do the work here as they can save \$4,000.00 by doing so. Parts will probably run \$4,800.00.

Amy Goode, Deputy Treasurer, joined the meeting as observer.

Commission discussed an option for Rd. 22 from Salt Creek North. Wind row placement was discussed. Commissioners appreciate the effort that Haden and his crews are making in getting the roads in order after all the wet weather. Haden asked about raises this year for employees. Commission indicated not at this time but the option still remains for 2014.

Larry King, County Counselor, offered that the official newspaper did not publish our order of tax sale notice as requested. King will research. This could set us back several months for the tax sale.

Crystal Wade, Human Resources Manager, joined the meeting to provide commissioners with health benefit information as requested. Numbers were provided to the commissioners regarding options for all employee participation in health care coverage. 50/50, 60/40 and 70/30 splits for coverage costs were being discussed as options. Danny Williams made a motion to change the health care cost participation by employees to 70/30 split for full time employees and 50/50 split for part time employees for the 2014 budget. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Richard Potter dropped in to ask if commissioners wanted to remain on the meals on wheels program list. Commissioners agreed to remain on the list.

Jack Carpenter made a motion for executive session at 9:35 a.m. for matters deemed confidential with County Counselor, Larry King, for 30 minutes. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Carpenter called the regular meeting back in session at 10:05 a.m. As a result of the executive session Larry King, County Counselor, is to write a letter to Jones & Buck regarding the road through the old county landfill.

County Counselor, Larry King, provided information to commissioners regarding the process to sell county real estate located in the City of Chautauqua. The process would be public auction or sealed bid only. Property is being mowed.

Danny Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of August 30, 2013. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jonathan Cude, Sedan Floral, joined the meeting to discuss building options for his company. Tax abatement is what Cude requests. Cude identifies a 65% increase in property tax for his current new structure and to build more will cost more in taxes and provide less income to repay for the cost of construction. Suggestion is to pay taxes under protest in December for current structure. Cude believes appraised value is too high in Sedan. Commission asks to review the abatement process used before and will put something together and continue the discussion to encourage Sedan Floral expansion here in Sedan.

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Danny D. Williams, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Chairman, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk