

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 5, 2019

Chairman Parker Massey called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on August 5, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Clerk Niki Collier, and Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko were all present. Commissioner Rodney Shaw joined by phone.

Interim Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark McCall reported on culvert repairs and rock that had been delivered. Discussion was held regarding a vacant position and one application was reviewed. Road & Bridge Office Manager Jennifer McNown stated the County had received a reimbursement for gravel through the federal funds exchange.

Commissioner Carpenter stated history regarding an easement near a bridge site needs to be reviewed by Counselor Zoe Newton.

HR Administrator Crystal Wade presented longevity raises for signatures.

Commissioner Massey moved to approve the minutes of July 31, 2019. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second, and the motion passed 3-0.

Auditor Rodney Burns discussed further reduction of the 2020 budget and strongly cautioned against such a large decrease. The Board requested that the attorney fees line in the general fund be changed and called court fees. In the future Court Fees will be used to pay indigent attorney fees, indigent transcripts, witness fees, juror's fees and mileage related to such matters.

USI representative Trent Nichols discussed lower expense projections for next year's health insurance.

The 2020 holiday list Ms. Wade provided was approved.

Sheriff Richard Newby stated that the department had accomplished savings in some areas and offered to cut \$20,000 from his requested budget. Commissioner Shaw thanked him for the effort and stated that grassland valuations have gone up and the Board is trying to reduce taxes to help offset that expense where they can.

Commissioner Shaw asked what the final mil decrease would be if this 4th draft of the 2020 budget is adopted. Auditor Rodney Burns stated this draft reflects a 14.4 mil decrease and an overall 11% reduction from the 2019 budget. Commissioner Massey moved to adopt the 4th draft of the 2020 budget, Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Jennifer McNown presented a road cut permit for approval.

Commissioner Massey moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, motion passed 2-0.

/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