

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

September 17, 2013

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, September 17, 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.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, provided the commission with his weekly report. Gravel hauled to the following locations: Rd. 22 and North County Line, Rd. 23 north of the Independence Shortcut, Rd. 23 north and Lariat, East of Rd. 26 off Independence Rd., Rd. 14 north of Rd. 12, Marshall Rd., Highway 99 and Quivera Rd. going east. The grader that needed the head repaired is back on the road. Chairman Carpenter asked about an issue on Rd. 25. Haden will review. Rd. 22 has been rocked as requested by commission. A culvert install was requested. Chairman Carpenter asked Haden to review area around Thorns residence. Rd. 1 from K38 south needs gravel and Haden will review. Haden reviewed Rd. 4 and minimal rock needs to be hauled to that area.

Larry King, County Counselor, brought information regarding the Oak Grove cemetery issue. The case has not been settled so any verbal commitment by commissioners cannot happen until the case is settled.

Larry King, County Counselor, researched tax information regarding Cedar Vale property that was brought to the commissioners. Court of Tax Appeals (COTA) would be the only option. The City of Cedar Vale wanted to reduce the tax bill for the mowing but those charges have already been attached to the property and can only be removed by COTA.

There was a brief Tax Sale discussion regarding the date to set for the sale. King has been discussing date possibilities with Sheriff Perry Russell. The Cedar Vale Lookout has reduced publication charges since they failed to meet all the publication dates as required by law.

Crystal Wade, Human Resources Manager, joined the meeting. Informational benefit meetings will be held in the commission meeting room for employees. Our free Health Quest screening is scheduled for February and more information will be provided to employees as we get closer to the date. Commissioners are invited to attend one of the employee meetings for health insurance open enrollment.

Lisa Hudson, County Treasurer, joined the meeting as observer. Chautauqua County is hosting state Treasurers training today at the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank Building for Chautauqua, Elk, Montgomery and Wilson Counties.

Danny Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of September 10, 2013. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners signed an agreement to dissolve the relationship with Elk County regarding sharing an Appraiser.

County Clerk Janice Fine brought the following items to commissioners: KCAMP questionnaire is being worked by each department and the completed questionnaire will be brought to commissioners before submission; provided information on vendor credits we've received; discussed that the Sheriff's Department has filled every position on his staffing table and would have to come to commissioners if there was a need for additional positions; discussed the district meeting arrangements.

Commissioners asked Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser, to join the meeting to discuss the Enterprise Zone tax abatement. This abatement would be available to all Chautauqua County businesses. Hendren wanted to defer discussion when Jeremy McCully, Appraiser, can join the meeting.

Goff Searl made a motion to accept the 2014 Holidays as presented. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners received a card of thanks from Emergency Medical Services.

There was discussion regarding all full time employees going to a 40 hour work week.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the Warrants Payable mid-month expenditures as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
General Fund	21,730.78
Appraiser	1,173.37
Election	1,610.97
Health	10,645.10
Noxious Weed	10.90
Road and Bridge	23,241.00
County 911	746.86
Unreimbursed Medical	264.24
Solid Waste	7,373.54
Register of Deeds Tech Fund	92.00
Total All Funds	66,888.76

Jonathan Cude, Sedan Floral, joined the meeting to discuss his discussion with Jeremy McCully, County Appraiser regarding his current buildings. Nothing he can do regarding 2013 taxes. Costs to build here is 50% more than in Montgomery County. Jeremy McCully, Appraiser, advised Cude of a possible solution regarding a 10 year abatement that would not require much effort from the county. Chautauqua County does not have zoning laws that would impact building here where Montgomery County has requirements. Cude hopes to make this new

construction a win-win situation. The State of Oklahoma and Texas offer many incentives to build and run his operation there.

McCully joined the meeting to discuss possible opportunities with Cude. There is an economic development program that would provide 100% abatement on new construction for 10 years. Industrial Revenue Bonds would be the least attractive program. There is also an in-lieu of taxes program where Sedan Floral would agree to pay a decided number in-lieu of taxes. McCully will print off program information and bring to the next meeting. Commissioner Searl asked for the documentation on the program emailed to him for review. A decision should be made at the next meeting when all the information has been reviewed.

County Clerk Janice A. Fine needs to clarify a sentence from the September 10, 2013 meeting minutes in reference to the Health Department Administrators role in preparation of department grants. Blankinship has not produced grants, however, has contributed supplemental documentation in her area of expertise for the grant writing process.

County Clerk Janice A. Fine needs to correct the dollar amount for the cost of a welder. September 10, 2013 minutes stated the cost to be in the thousands of dollars when in fact the actual costs would be between \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:53 a.m. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

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Danny D. Williams, Second District Commissioner

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Jack Carpenter, Chairman, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Janice A. Fine, County Clerk