

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 24, 2013

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, September 24, 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. Amy Goode, Deputy Treasurer, joined the meeting as observer.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, provided the commission with his weekly report. Crews have been hauling rock to Quivera and Hwy 99 going east. Crews have been working near the rural Sedan Fire Barn. Culverts have been installed at Dalton and Rd. 10. ½ m west and at Marshall and Rd. 14, ½ mi east. The rock hammer has been used at Rd. 23 at the long hill and at Rd. 16 and Gallop. Commissioners asked Joel to review drainage issues on Bronco Rd.

Rick Peel from Peru Fire Department asked to speak with commissioners for clarification of the fire department designation (government or non-government) for a form they need to file to recoup federal funds for a deceased fire fighter. County Counselor, Larry King, stated the fire department was a quasi-municipal corporation. The document was created for Chairman Jack Carpenter's signature.

Jeremy McCully, Appraiser, joined the meeting to discuss the process to begin the opportunity to join a Tax Rebate Program. Guidelines must be in place to assure all citizens are treated equally. McCully discussed possible options once qualification is determined. Goff Searl asked if the abatement includes taxes for fire, cemetery and ambulance services. This program is for new expansion projects only. Once Chautauqua County has approval this issue will be published and a public forum scheduled. The first step for Chautauqua County is to approve a policy. McCully will discuss this option with Jonathan Cude to convey the commissioner's approval to pursue this option.

Jeanie Beason, Health Department RN and Matt Hartley, Emergency Management Director joined the meeting to discuss emergency preparedness issues. They requested to join/recreate the LEPC (Local Emergency Preparedness Committee). This group manages disasters in the county, identifying all areas of assistance. Beason stated the by-laws for this committee have been created. This committee unites all entities that provide services to Chautauqua County. These entities begin to work together and form the internal relationships for each disaster. The Commissioners will need to approve each committee member name they submit and the by-laws of this new committee. Commission approved.

Amy Goode, Deputy Treasurer, asked the commissioners why the raise was given to the Health Administrator. The response was that this was the arrangement made with Ms. Blankinship. Ms. Beason gave up some of her wage to cover the increase wages as well as not replacing the individual who is retiring.

Danny Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2013. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Danny Williams made a motion to approve resolution 2013-09 to change the managing names for the county credit card. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl made a motion to go into Executive session 20 minutes with County Counselor Larry King for client/attorney privilege at 9:33 a.m. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Jack Carpenter called the regular commission meeting back into session at 9:53 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Amy Goode, Deputy Treasurer, asked commissioners if they planned to review Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser's increased salary since an Appraiser was hired and the third position in that office has been filled and that was the basis for the wage increase. Danny Williams stated that it could be reviewed with Hendren.

Laura Beeson, ROD, joined the meeting as observer. Commission asked if the next tax sale process has begun. Beeson indicated it had not. Beeson voiced her concerns regarding raises to certain employees and the impact it has on the county budget. Regarding the large hourly pay increase for the Health Department Administrator Beeson felt less of a jump spread over time would have been easier to deal with.

County Counselor, Larry King, discussed a piece of property with commissioners.

Goff Searl made a motion to adopt resolution 2013-10 for the KCAMP liability insurance and authorize the chairman to sign the by-laws. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

There was a brief discussion regarding county employees attending commission meetings when there was no department business on the agenda. Amy Goode, Deputy Treasurer, stated she attends on personal time.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Goff Searl 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