

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 15, 2013

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, October 15, 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. Gravel hauled to the following locations: 4 corners area (Bronco and Rd. 29), Rd. 26 and Bronco, Rd. 25 North of Peru to ½ mile north of Indian Rd., Rd. 10 and Ranch, Rd. 10 and Ranch (¾ of a mile), Rd. 14 and Trail going south. A ditch was reworked at Rd. 28 and Eagle. Trees were removed on Rd. 30 and Bronco. Commissioner Searl asked Haden about an area on Kansas Rd. that is in need of some repair.

The following Road and Bridge staff joined the meeting to discuss the work week hours: Stephen Dale, Billy Goode, Richard Hambleton, Dallas Hartley, Aric Inglett, Heath Joslin, Mark McCall, Jennifer McNown, Cathy Rinck, Bryan Satterlee, David Stanton, Mike Steinbach and Timothy Venable.

Commission has discussed in the past moving crew hours to five eight hour days versus four ten hour days during day light savings time. It was asked if the current system was broke and the conversation began from there. Commissioner Searl offered that the county wants the best each employee can provide for the citizens of Chautauqua County. Citizens are concerned when they see staff leaving early. Some Road and Bridge staff work other jobs and taking the Friday away will impact their ability to provide for their families. Some staff offered they may leave if the Friday is taken away. Office staff provided a spreadsheet of hours worked for comparison. Chairman Carpenter stated Joel Haden is the department head and is responsible for scheduling staff hours. Haden offered the current shifting has been established for the past 19 years. Haden wants Road and Bridge hours to remain the way they are now. Haden has processes in place to accommodate weather needs to provide quality assistance to the citizens. Commissioners offered they were discussing options with Haden and no decision to change the current process has been made.

Jack Zimmerman joined the meeting for a brief discussion on the property taxes owing on property in Cedar Vale that belonged to his deceased parents. Larry King, County Counselor, provided information to commissioners. Danny Williams made a motion for Lisa Hudson to create a check to the City of Cedar Vale today. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Danny Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of September 8, 2013 as written. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Perry Russell joined the meeting to discuss budget matters. Sheriff works his department budgets and he is addressing shortfalls in specific areas. His overall budget appears to be within the normal percentage spent overall. Commission asked if there were going to be any expected large outlays of funds before year-end. Sheriff indicates tires will be purchased as needed for vehicles. Budgeted funds are very different from cash available and this needs to be taken into consideration. Budgets need to be used sparingly rather than robustly because it is just a number. Sheriff asked if the Courthouse was planning a surplus sale. Commission will

talk with Rodger Green, Maintenance Supervisor. Commission offered it might be a better option for him to request sealed bids for autos he has the authority to sell right now.

Commission discussed exempted land in Chautauqua County.

Larry King, County Counselor, spoke with Commissioners regarding the tax abatement program that is being reviewed. King indicated the paperwork should be in order in the next week or two. The topic for discussion is the percentage of abatement per year for the ten year period. Commissioners will discuss and provide King with the percentage they are comfortable with at the October 31, 2013 meeting.

Crystal Wade, Human Resources Manager, provided commissioners with information regarding on-line classes that are available to employees and that information has been provided to them on how to get started. Other class topics are being prepared for employees and that information will be provided as soon as everything is in place.

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
General Fund	11,563.78
Appraiser	637.89
Health	1,339.94
Noxious Weed	5,627.85
Road and Bridge	62,849.68
County 911	745.06
<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>1,331.94</u>
Total All Funds	84,096.14

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 10:08 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