

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

October 31, 2013

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Thursday, October 31, 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. Crews are rocking the following areas: Bronco Rd. and Rd. 26, Rd. 25, Independence Rd. and Rd. 31 to Rd. 30 and delivered rock to Chautauqua Fire Department and Sedan Fire Department. Crews have trimmed trees south of Niotaze on Rd. 30 and Indian Rd. The 57 dump truck was taken to Wichita for the rear suspension to be rebuilt. The culvert bids have gone out and are expected to be returned on November 12, 2013. Haden reviewed Kansas Rd. between Rd. 1 and Rd. 2. Crews continue to patrol roads and check every culvert on each road. Haden was asked to review Rd. 1 and Rd. 2 further up from Kansas Rd. for issues. The chip and seal process was discussed.

Lisa Hudson, Treasurer, and Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser, joined the meeting. There was a brief discussion on the tax sale. Hendren provided maps of property to be included in the tax sale. Photos of some property included in the tax sale will be applied to the county website for citizens to view. Amy Goode, Deputy Treasurer, joined the meeting to provide requested information to commissioners.

Tim Nordell joined the meeting. There was discussion regarding the Christmas Employee dinner. Mr. Nordell donated \$100.00 to be used to rent the Fair Building for this dinner.

Goff Searl made a motion to rent the Fair Building for a Christmas Dinner for all employees. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Nordell for his generosity.

County Clerk provided information that needs to be included in the handbook regarding commissioners interviewing applicants for appointed departments. Danny Williams made a motion to amend the handbook to include the wording as presented. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Tax Abatement program was discussed. Commissioners and County Counselor Larry King discussed county tax on city commercial property.

Mark Jones joined the meeting to express his understanding of the usage of the tower during his ownership and comments made during the sale of his internet business.

Reta Pipher joined the meeting to ask about installing fencing on her property line and needed some clarification on the rules. Fencing law was discussed and a copy of fencing law provided by K-State was provided to Pipher. Pipher asked about the tax abatement program the commissioners are discussing. Property taxes were briefly discussed.

There was additional Tax Abatement discussion between Commissioners and County Counselor Larry King. Commissioners requested King to contact the Kansas Department of Commerce and

schedule a meeting with them to clarify the county's position before creating the Tax Abatement program.

Danny Williams made a motion to accept the minutes of October 22, 2013. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to go into executive session for 25 minutes with County Counselor Larry King for attorney/client privilege at 10:50 a.m. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting back into session at 11:15 a.m. The action as a result of the executive session is to review the electrical usage for the tower to determine the new contract charges for Heartland Internet LLC.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the Warrants Payable and Payroll expenses for end of month expenditures as follows:

<u>Fund Number</u>	<u>Totals</u>
General Fund	\$86,712.19
Equipment Reserve	\$12,060.28
Ambulance District #1	\$6,985.00
Ambulance District #2	\$22,591.66
Appraiser	\$8,621.18
Employee Benefit	\$97,827.84
Health	\$26,838.32
Noxious Weed	\$2,464.06
Road and Bridge	\$70,712.67
Juvenile Detention	\$1,305.00
Unreimbursed Medical	\$778.56
Solid Waste	\$16,462.87
Treasurer Auto	\$1,748.65
<u>R of D Tech Fund</u>	<u>\$556.50</u>
Total All Funds	\$355,664.77

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 11:25 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