

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

November 19, 2013

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, November 19, 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 hauling rock to the following areas: Independence shortcut, Rd. 9 and Marshall, Rd. 11, Cowboy out of Chautauqua, Heritage Rd. and Hwy 99, Rd. 19 south of Hwy 166, Rd. 22 north of Independence Shortcut. Planks were replaced on a bridge at Union and Rd. 31 south. Roads have been repaired just North of Peru where there was a large hole in the road around Heritage and Rd. 25. Crews repaired a culvert on Rd. 21 and Eagle.

Haden reviewed the trash dumpsters for fencing options. Staff will probably build in the fencing in the shop and then set it. Haden needs to verify where to place the fencing poles based on how the dumpsters are emptied.

Haden is checking with Purple Wave on items that need to be sold.

There was discussion on particular roads that seem to have issues when wet. Possible solutions were discussed. Commissioners offered that Caney Valley is trimming trees and commissioners asked Haden to make sure they remove the limbs and such from the ditches. Haden offered that they usually do a good job of cleanup but he would call if he finds an issue anywhere.

Commissioners discussed the letter from the state requesting \$1,000.00 for the map at the new state house. No recommendation was made.

Lisa Hudson, Treasurer, joined the meeting as observer.

Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator, joined the meeting to discuss the Christmas Dinner that is being planned for employees. Blankinship held a department head meeting to discuss logistics. December 10, 2013 was the date selected at 7:00 pm. Clarification was requested on who should be invited employee and spouse or the entire family? Commission stated the employee's entire family could attend. Blankinship offered that the menu was decided and asked if county funds could be used to purchase the meat and table settings. Commissioners approved. Commission decided that no alcohol will be permitted. Blankinship asked if giving employee recognition awards for years worked would be acceptable and commissioners agreed.

The recent tax sale was discussed. Larry King, County Counselor, offered that a tax sale is mathematically complicated. The type of title given to individuals who purchased property from a tax sale is different from a mortgage title. Property that did not sell from this tax sale will be included in the next tax sale. King offered that

the Treasurer's Office and Register of Deeds Offices contributed much time and effort to make this sale successful. Commissioners identified that the following staff Lisa Hudson, Amy Goode, Laura Beeson and Melody Rodriguez did an excellent job working to set up and manage the tax sale.

Commissioners discussed putting a notice in the paper identifying all property eligible to be included in the next tax sale or putting the information for viewing on the county website at [www.chautauquacountyks.com](http://www.chautauquacountyks.com). Commissioners agree that the county should have a tax sale yearly. Amy Goode, Deputy Treasurer, joined the meeting at the request of commissioners.

Laura Beeson, Register of Deeds, joined the meeting at commissioner request to see where she stands on research for the next tax sale. Beeson was asked if the research could be accomplished by January 2014 to accommodate a sale near June 2014. Beeson offered that the research is the most time consuming part of a tax sale and January 2014 is an unreasonable timeframe. King prefers to keep each sale small and have two sales each year if possible. Dates are for discussion only at this point.

Commissioners ask for a complied list to determine approximate costs to place in the newspaper. Hudson offered there are 118 properties in the east half of the county currently eligible for the next tax sale. Beeson acknowledges that research should take six to eight months and then the next process takes many months as well. Hudson offered Goode to assist with research on the next tax sale with Beeson.

Goff Searl made a motion to accept the minutes of November 12, 2013 as presented. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 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