

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 3, 2013

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, December 3, 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: Rd. 29 and Cowboy, Grafton Hill north of Grafton airport, Rd. 32 and Junction, Rd. 29, Rd. 19 north of the airport, Lariat and Independence Rd. A culvert was installed at Independence Rd. and Lariat. Crews continue to work on the Independence shortcut as weather permits. The chip spreader is on the truck ready for bad weather. There was discussion of possible fixes for the blacktop roads. This season has been wetter than usual and crews are working hard to keep roads drivable.

There was discussion regarding the chain link fence that needs to be installed around the trash dumpsters.

Janice Fine, County Clerk, brought information to commissioners regarding: the revised tax statements that were mailed Monday, December 2, 2013; update on Lisa Hudson's hospitalized mother's condition and Fine's appointment by the governor to the Information Technology Executive Committee.

Danny Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of November 27, 2013. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Title Search was a topic of discussion for the next tax sale and what options might be available to Commissioners.

Commission discussed with Larry King, County Counselor, what the proper process is to remove identified property out of the tax sale. Homestead property was discussed in detail. The commissioners are considering the advisability of adopting a Charter Resolution that would change the statutory requirements of K.S.A. 79-2401a (a). Currently this statute allows a taxpayer to partially redeem homestead property and avoid judicial foreclosure by paying only the most delinquent taxes thereon rather than all accrued delinquent taxes. Because this statute is not uniform as to all Kansas counties, the commissioners will consider altering the statute through a Charter Resolution, which resolution would require that a taxpayer pay all delinquent taxes on homestead property in order to avoid judicial foreclosure.

Commissioner Searl commented on how good the courthouse is looking with all the Christmas decorations.

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:27 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