

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 14, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 8:30a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioners Goff Searl and Jack Carpenter 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 hauled rock to Kansas and Rd. 31. Graders are out blading the roads. A culvert was installed at Rd. 11 and Heritage. Haden sent an email to Enbridge requesting rock on Bronco Rd. and Rd. 32 west and north with no response yet. Road issues have been identified and will be worked as soon as possible. Rd. 24 and Lariat there's a bridge that will be worked. There's a tree in the road on Rd. 23 north of Lariat that will be taken care of. There was discussion on the type of repair on the bridge located closest to Rd. 24 and Lariat. Other bridge issues were discussed near Bee Creek. Cedar Vale roads are in need of gravel. The bridge (metal) west of Hewins (2nd bridge on Rock Creek) that bridge is rated for 4 tons is this accurate? Searl asked if the bridge could be identified to be replaced in the future? The travel on that road exceeds 4 tons on a regular basis. Crews must work main roads first and other roads later.

Laura Beeson, RODs, joined the meeting to request a new fund account or to use her tech fund to cover the maintenance agreement overage. The current process is the cost for copies to citizens goes into the general fund. Beeson has talked with the auditor and he stated commissioners must approve an additional fund. Auditor stated that funds received for copies need to be a reimbursement into the ROD budget.

Amy Goode, Deputy Treasurer, joined the meeting to provide information to commissioners regarding the County Sheriff vehicles located at the pipeline after verification from Sheriff Perry Russell that no county vehicles were being used to provide security to the pipeline.

Jeremy McCully, Appraiser, joined the meeting to request approval of a contract with Kimble Mapping. Kimble Mapping provides all the splits and combinations for the appraiser's office. Commission requested Larry King, County Counselor, review the contract before signing. King approved the contract. Goff Searl made a motion to approve the Kimble contract. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed all 2014 appointments. There is still need to verify a couple of appointments. Jack Carpenter made a motion to name The Prairie Star as the official newspaper for 2014. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1. All current appointments will remain for 2014 except Fire District One which will be approved at the meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Larry King, County Counselor, brought information to commissioners to complete the Tax Abatement Policy that needs to be in place. There were several paragraphs in the policy that commissioners asked to be modified for Chautauqua County usage. Resolution was reviewed to clarify the policy as needed. Percentage of abatement has been decided and King will revise the Policy and bring back to commissioners for approval before the close of the meeting today. Commission asked that the revised policy be emailed to Jonathan Cude at Sedan Floral for review.

Larry Sharpe, KCAMP, joined the meeting to provide commissioners with an update. KCAMP provided commissioners with a check for reimbursement. The refund is for the loss ratio for 2012. KCAMP holds their annual meeting during the annual KAC meeting and they can connect with most commissioners at that meeting. Risk Management programs were discussed briefly. All types of claims were discussed.

Larry Sharpe left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Rodney Burns, County Auditor, joined the meeting to provide information from the 2012 Audit. A letter was provided to Commissioners and the County Clerk for issues regarding the 2012 audit. Mineral tax comes in quarterly and is only being distributed annually. This needs to be corrected. Unemployment tax has been paid to elected officials and auditor feels this is unnecessary. Elected Officials are not entitled to these funds. There was an issue regarding payment for mowing courthouse grounds. Commission states that the mowing should be a part of employee duties or contracted outside to a service. Jail Project appears to be overpaid and needs to be reviewed. Clerk's Office will contact them and review. Extension Council has 17,000.00 in an old account that needs to be paid out to them. Water district account needs to be cleared of the \$16.00 negative amount from prior years. Adjustments have been made so 2013 should be cleaner. Burns provided a contract for 2014 for signature. Goff Searl made a motion to approve and sign the contract with Schlotterback and Burns, LLC for 2014. Jack Carpenter seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl made a motion to accept the minutes of January 7, 2014. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl made a motion to approve the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Policy. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
General Fund	65,295.53
Appraiser	523.42
Election	83.00
Employee Benefit	46,881.00
Health	1,162.59
Noxious Weed	9,933.00
Road and Bridge	7,526.38
County 911	1,135.06
Unreimbursed Medical	423.17

Solid Waste	6,397.51
Register of Deeds Tech Fund	165.06
Total All Funds	139,525.72

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 11:52 a.m. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Danny D. Williams, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk