

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 21, 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.

Minute approval: Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014. Goff Searl seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

There was discussion on prior minutes. County Clerk Janice A. Fine advised commissioners that meeting minutes were a summary of a conversation not verbatim (word for word). Clerk offered that if the commissioners wanted minutes to be verbatim there would need to be an investment for recording devices. Clerk is happy to provide what the commissioners feel is necessary. Commissioners agreed that the current minutes were of value and no change was expected.

Commissioner Searl requested to modify the list of appointments for Fire District Board Number one. Heath Jarboe was replaced with Dwight Call. Goff Searl made a motion to approve the 2014 appointments for Fire District One Board. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

2014 Official Commissioner Appointments are as follows:

Official County Paper – The Prairie Star

Official Commission meetings – Tuesday and the last working day of the month at 8:30 a.m.

Commission Chair – Danny Williams

Chautauqua County Fair Board – District one-Kylee Downing Jones, District two-Dennis Bever, District three-Edwin Bowman

Four County Mental Health Board – Marge Lampson and Sarah Wilkinson

County Planning Board – no appointment

County Economic Development Board – District one-Allen Zadorozny, Bill McKinley, Faye Melton and Peggy McAfee. District two-Nita Jones, J.D. Rector, Vernon Hugenot and Tim Nordell. District three-Joe Reed, Tom Wright and Mark Palmer. At Large-Ben Allen.

SCKEDD Board – Allen Zadorozny

Juvenile Correction Board – Mike Todd

Freedom of Information Officer – Larry King

Federal Compliance Officer – Larry King

KCAMP Board Representative – Danny Williams

Aging Board of Directors – Allen Moore

See-Kan R, C & D Board – deleted

Community Corrections Board – Perry Russell

New Beginnings Board – Delbert E. Lampson

Fire District Boards:

District one – Dwight Call, Cecil Shore, Jerry Walker, Kayla Stong, Alfreda Speer, Rob Lackey and David Bohannon.

District two – Kyle Finney, David Deal and Shane Signer.

District three – Leslie Wolfe, Don Dilley, Janet Hartley and Rick Peel.

District four – Brad Harter, Irvin Hann, Marion Hann, Cody Williams, Tim Kyzer and Walt Wigton.

District five – Jack Rutledge, Richard Hillburn, Keith Giesel and Tine Barker.

District six – Herb Beason, Dean Wolfe, David Monroe, Gary Cole, Steve Osburn and Jim Beason.

District eight – Allen Moore, Dean Littrell, Leslie Talley, David Everhart and Jim Long.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, provided the commission with his weekly report. Crews were grading roads last week. Rock has been hauled to the following locations: Trail and Rd. 31 going west on a dead-end road, Rd. 26 and Independence Shortcut going north, Independence shortcut at the rock bridge between Lariat and Rd. 26 on the hill, Rd. 25 and Lariat, north of Wauneta Kansas and Rd. 9, Cascade going south and Rd. 29, Bronco Rd. outside of the City of Chautauqua. There is a soft spot in the road being worked near Rd. 24 and Independence Shortcut. A culvert was installed at Rd. 12 and Marshall. Haden informed commissioners that he reviewed a bridge on Rd. 30 and it looked OK for now. There is a low-water crossing on Cowboy going up to Rd. 30 that Haden will review and address issues. Haden advised commissioners that rock needs to be hauled south of City of Hewins where TOTAH installed phone lines. TOTAH has surrendered their \$3,000.00 road repair deposit so Haden will use those funds to haul rock to that area.

Laura Beeson, Register of Deeds (ROD), joined the meeting to discuss possible wage increases. There was discussion of all possibilities. Commission determined that Beeson, ROD, can adjust both her and her staff's salary based on her budget. County Counselor, Larry King, asked commissioner's if that was the expectation for all elected officials to include County Clerk Janice A. Fine. Commission response was yes.

Crystal Wade, Human Resources Manager, joined the meeting to review and discuss the updated Employee Handbook. Lisa Hudson, Treasurer, joined the meeting as observer. Wade stated the updated handbook contains all the requested changes. Next step is to approve the handbook and send to each employee to read, sign the verification page and return to Wade. A motion will need to be made to adopt the revised handbook. Danny Williams made a motion to approve the rules and regulations via Employee Handbook and distribute to employees. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jonathan Cude, Sedan Floral, joined the meeting to discuss the emailed policy paperwork that he received from Larry King, County Counselor, which was adopted January 14, 2014. Cude believes the percentage should be 100% for the entire ten years and paragraph D should be removed entirely from the policy. Goff Searl made a motion to revise the Ad Valorem Tax Abatement Policy to reflect exemptions for 10 years at 100% on all expansions. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Larry King, County Counselor, revised the policy and provided a copy to the County Clerk.

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 10:53 a.m. Jack Carpenter 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