

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 11, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, February 11, 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 February 4, 2014 as presented. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes at 8:31 a.m. to discuss non elected personnel. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Joel Haden was asked to remain. Chairman Williams called the regular meeting back into session at 9:01 a.m. No action was taken.

Tim Nordell joined the meeting as observer.

Jim Duncan, Noxious Weed Director, joined the meeting to provide commissioners with his year-end report. Signature on the report is necessary for submission.

Laura Beeson, ROD, joined the meeting to let commissioners know that the tax sale research is progressing.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head, joined the meeting to provide commissioners with the department monthly report for December 2013. The department remains in good shape financially. Kline has notified Topeka of delinquent accounts. There was discussion of disposal of needles in our landfill. The state is discussing options for individuals to dispose of this type of item other than in the landfill.

Tim Nordell talked with commissioners regarding commercial tags. House Bill 2557 is what passed to impose unnecessary requirements. The solution would be an exemption for any vehicle weighing 26,000 lbs or less. Virgil Peck will try to introduce legislation for the exemption and is requesting support from citizens. Nordell discussed motor carrier inspector tickets being given for items that do not reflect safety. Goff Searl asked if a letter from the commissioners in support of the exemption would be of benefit. Goff Searl made a motion to request County Counselor, Larry King, create a letter in support of the exemption. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeremy McCully, Appraiser, and Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser, joined the meeting to discuss postal presort. Appraiser's office would like to use this service this year which would save \$500.00. Treasurer's Office currently uses this process for mass mailings. Commission approves saving county tax dollars in this fashion.

Johnny Hayes joined the meeting to discuss the Enterprise Zone Rebate program. He believes he should have received this rebate based on the conversation he had

with commissioners in December 2008. County Counselor, Larry King, believes there is not a legal basis for a solution from Chautauqua County. An application was not submitted so there would not be forward movement on this program. Mr. Hayes states he is trying to get his taxes up to date. King suggests the only recourse for Mr. Hayes would be to take this issue to the Court of Tax Appeals in Topeka. King will review the programs and offer an opinion, but the real issue is if taxes are delinquent Mr. Hayes would no longer be in the program. Mr. Hayes discussed new program options he's working on.

Janice Fine, County Clerk, brought the following issues for discussion. **1)** Pay Advice Process which currently is inadequate to meet protected law standards. The new process will maintain information as private. A memo will be sent to department heads outlining the new process. **2)** A 2014 Basic Pay Plan proposal was presented to commissioners for their review. **3)** There was discussion regarding the employee drug screen process. Chautauqua County is currently under contract with THME for the drug screen process. A handout was provided to commissioners outlining the contract requirements to Chautauqua County and the Department of Transportation. There was discussion regarding THME's contracting collection provider.

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 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