

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 11, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 8:30 a.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. Chairman Danny Williams opened the meeting with prayer.

Lisa Hudson, Treasurer, joined the meeting as observer.

Minutes approval: Goff Searl made a motion to accept the minutes of March 4, 2014 with two corrections. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented his weekly road report. Gravel has been hauled to the following locations: Rd. 30 and Cowboy, Rd. 5 and Kansas, Gallop and Rd. 13, Junction and Rd. 9, Rd. 6 and Ranch going west and east, Rd. 4 and Lariat. South of Cedar Vale, Rd. 2 and Gallop going North, Rd. 6 and Kansas, Bronco Rd, Rd. 5 South of Gallop. Bridge repair was discussed. The project East of Hewin's is complete. Crews are chipping trees when roads are too wet to blade. Citizen road concerns were discussed with Haden. Surplus equipment and the need to move on this issue was discussed.

Haden wished to discuss the UA process. Haden's choice is to have Cathy Rinck, Road & Bridge Office Manager, to manage the process. Haden brought information from several companies who provide drug draws. Neosho Road and Bridge person has been requested for Haden to contact.

Matt Hartley, Emergency Management Director, joined the meeting to talk with commissioners. Hartley provided commissioners with a handout. Hartley is asking for consideration of a full time Emergency Management Director position for the 2015 budget process. The process to issue a burn band was discussed.

Randy Clark joined the meeting to provide commissioners with a contract for the easement of gas pipes running in the ditches of roads within the county. Contract clearly identifies that Chautauqua County has NO responsibility for the gas pipes running in county road ditches. Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve the easement contract for the gas pipes running in road ditches to ECQ Pipeline. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Larry King, County Counselor, addressed the commissioners regarding the Tax Sale. King discussed a piece of property that was sold at the last sale where the prior owner wishes to retrieve some personal property that was located in that residence without success. There was discussion with the new owner of the property via telephone. There was another property purchased from the last tax sale where a problem exists. Options were discussed and a solution identified.

Nick Reed, Undersheriff, joined the meeting as observer.

Commissioner Searl asked if Chautauqua County Jail could look into housing state prisoners to provide additional income to the county. Reed indicated the process would need to be reviewed for compliance before an answer could be given. Current prisoner total is five. Reed discussed seized vehicles and the possibility of a sale.

Jonathan Cude, Sedan Floral, invited commissioners to the Spring Fling event this Friday from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Janice Fine, County Clerk, provided the following information to commissioners: 1) A letter Chairman Williams requested in support of the Highway 99 improvement project. 2) A letter from the Kansas County Commissioners Association requesting they join the organization. Commissioners do not wish to join. 3) Reminded commissioners about the upcoming 17 county spring meeting and ask for participation. Chairman Williams will attend. 4) Advised commissioners that an email had been received regarding US Senator Jerry Moran being in Sedan on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau office for a Town Hall meeting. 5) Provided applicant information for the Clerk's part time position and discussed the process Fine wishes to follow regarding interviews. 6) Provided comments regarding the UA process and the importance of a neutral party administering the process.

Jack Carpenter requested an executive session for 10 minutes at 10:24 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Danny Williams called the regular meeting back in session at 10:34 a.m. No action was taken.

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 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