

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 18, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, March 18, 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.

Butch Lewis joined the meeting as observer.

Amy Good, Deputy Treasurer, and Anne Blankinship, Health Department Administrator, joined the meeting as observers.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented information to commissioners as he had made contact with Neosho County regarding their drug screen process. Haden had talked with Blankinship and asked that she provide commissioners with information she acquired regarding the Health Department providing the employee drug screen process as per Department of Transportation requirements. Blankinship will continue her research and bring further information to commissioners.

Haden offered that rock has been hauled to the following locations: On the shortcut where there was an issue, Rd. 23 north of Highway 166, Frontier and Rd. 19, Rd. 5 and Gallop, Bronco and Rd. 31. There was discussion regarding removing the bed, or not, on the pickup they plan to sell. CKEC has the contract for bridge design for the Cook Bridge. The company is not making contact with Road and Bridge so they can engage the process again. After months of trying to make contact with CKEC Haden finally received a letter stating that company no longer has an individual to do the design. Haden asked that Larry King, County Counselor, send CKEC a letter notifying them Chautauqua County no longer needs their assistance. Haden requests to engage with another company for the bridge design work.

Minutes approval: Goff Searl made a motion to accept the minutes of March 11, 2014 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Anne Blankinship, Health Department Administrator, talked with commissioners regarding an employee who has met the 90 day probation period. Blankinship has prepared her evaluation and has discussed any issues with her. Blankinship recommends permanent status. Blankinship also informed commissioners that grant renewals have been submitted to the State for approval. Blankinship stated the car seat program now has income guidelines and related how she plans to administer the program. Health Department continues to look for any funding source to benefit Chautauqua County residents.

On March 14, 2014 Commissioner Searl attended the Sedan Floral open house. No final decision has been made if Sedan Floral plans to grow the business in Sedan, Kansas. The food was good. Commissioner Searl stated that Sedan Floral recycles as much as they can and commented that he was impressed with the business process.

County Clerk reminded commissioners that Senator Jerry Moran will be in town today.

Larry King, County Counselor, reviewed the letter Road and Bridge received from CKEC. King asks commissioners what their expectation is. There was discussion. Chairman Williams will

contact CKEC to identify what the company is requesting and what Chautauqua County can expect.

Bids for Courthouse Complex were provided to commissioners. Commissioners opened bids for review. Three bids were provided to the County Clerk's Office for commissioner's consideration. Two bids received on the morning of March 18 were not considered as being received after the process closed. Commissioners reviewed remaining bid. Jack Carpenter made a motion to accept the bid from Lewis Lawn Mowing. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Judy Tolbert dropped off cookies in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the Warrants Payable expenses for Mid- Month expenditures as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
General Fund	12,678.26
Ambulance District #1	4,560.42
Ambulance District #2	13,875.00
Appraiser	129.17
Employee Benefit	4,643.75
Health	3,615.64
Noxious Weed	231.76
Road and Bridge	11,659.65
Special Rock	9,819.60
Juvenile Detention	1,499.00
County 911	1,045.36
Solid Waste	4,618.56
Total All Funds	68,376.17

Commissioners discussed the meeting in Topeka that Chairman Williams attended regarding improvements on Highway 99 from Sedan, North, to the county line.

Larry King, County Counselor, talked with commissioners regarding the Downtown Redevelopment Act.

Commissioners discussed moving the Tuesday, April 8, 2014 commission meeting to Wednesday, April 9, 2014 to accommodate commissioners attending the annual Commission and Highway Officials meeting. This change will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 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
