

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

March 31, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, March 31, 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.

Minute's approval: Goff Searl made a motion to accept the minutes of March 25, 2014 with two edits. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, provided his weekly road report. Gravel is being hauled to Independence Shortcut east of Rd 26. Culverts have been installed at Rd 24 and Lariat and Rd 19 and Quivira ½ mile west. Elgin road is being worked today and Rd 25 north of the hill. CKEC was to send information in response to a prior conversation via telephone with Chairman Williams and County Counselor, Larry King. Commissioners discussed with Haden a few road issues.

Walt Wigton joined the meeting as observer.

Commissioners appreciate the sign on the door informing citizens of moving the commission meeting from Tuesday, April 8, 2014 to Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

There was discussion regarding the Chautauqua County Animal Shelter. Danny Williams made a motion to send a letter to Chautauqua County Animal Shelter requesting accountability of Chautauqua County tax dollars. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Larry King, County Counselor prepared the letter and Chairman Williams signed the letter.

Anne Blankinship, Health Department Administrator, joined the meeting to discuss the upcoming Health Fair at the fairgrounds, May 3, 2014 and how they will participate. Blankinship briefly talked about the car seat program.

Crystal Wade, Human Resources Manager, joined the meeting to discuss possible training this fall. Topic offered is Ethical Behavior in County Government using a broad umbrella to meet the needs of all employees. Commission requests Wade approach department heads for their input and bring back responses.

There was discussion about a letter received regarding an environmental impact project.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the Warrants Payable and P/R expenses for End of Month expenditures as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
General Fund	77,508.38
Appraiser	9,465.24
Election	726.58
Employee Benefit	85,173.26
Health	23,441.83
Noxious Weed	2,439.95
Road and Bridge	44,707.87
Special Rock	6,992.12
County 911	195.00

Unreimbursed Medical	51.85
Solid Waste	12,972.00
Treasurer's Auto	2,728.36
R of D tech Fund	635.00
Total All Funds	266,985.59

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Invitation to the Chautauqua County Historical and Genealogical Society's Open House on Sunday, April 6, 2014. This organization is very appreciative of the county's support. 2) Reminded commissioners of the District Meeting on April 24, 2014 in Columbus, KS. 3) Discussed current issues. 4) Introduced Wendy Kirchner to commissioners. Kirchner is the new part time accounts payable person who will replace Helen Matthews, Deputy County Clerk, as she prepares to retire from Chautauqua County. Kirchner served two years as the City of Peru Treasurer and is currently the City of Peru Clerk. The Clerk's Office is pleased to have found someone with Kirchner's skills and abilities.

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 10:25 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