

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 9, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Wednesday, April 9, 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 31, 2014 with one edit. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, provided his weekly road report. Crews have been hauling rock to the following: Dalton and Rd 1 going east, Bronco and 99 going west, Lone Cherry Hill west of Lone Cherry, Lone Cherry south on Rd 31 for a mile. Crews finished Gallop and Rd 5, Lariat and Rd 22 east. Culverts have been installed at the following: Bronco and Rd 18 going west a mile, Quivera and Rd 19 one mile south. The Scout Lake bridge on Rd 19 north of Quivera is closed and is being worked. It is hoped to be open Thursday, April 10th after repairs are complete. Haden needs to move forward on the Cook bridge project. Haden will bring recommendations to commissioners. A letter will be sent to CKEC notifying them that Chautauqua County will work with another engineering company.

Haden commented on the UA process. Janice Fine, County Clerk, stated that all individuals who are selected will not be called prior to the morning of collection to accommodate Haden's concern.

Tim Nordell joined the meeting to discuss the Land Management letter commissioners asked Nordell to review and offer an opinion. Nordell offered that there are 1,257 pieces of government property so the planning process request shouldn't hurt us to participate. Nordell produced documentation for each commission regarding American Stewardship. There was discussion regarding issues and where Chautauqua County needs to be involved. Nordell recommends our county have a Coordination Plan in place for protection. Nordell asks that commissioners review the documentation he provided and should they decide to prepare the coordination plan he would be happy to provide input. Government land within Chautauqua County was discussed. Nordell recommends that commissioners do not sign the request to participate in the Land Management planning letter. Commission should send for information and perhaps invite the Land Management individuals to come in and meet with commissioners.

Lawn mowing bids were opened. There were seven bids received. Commissioners reviewed all bids. One bid was received from an out of county company and was rejected. After reviewing all bids Goff Searl made a motion to accept the low bid for mowing the courthouse complex lawn from Harvey Gifford at \$80.00 per mowing. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Harvey Gifford came to the meeting to discuss issues regarding the cemetery boards and their process of awarding lawn mowing service to bidders. Larry King, County Counselor, informed the commissioners that the Cemetery Boards are accountable to the citizens they serve. The Board of County Commissioners can not intervene in Cemetery Board business. There was a question of legality of issues and if the commissioners could provide any insight or direction to those attending. The following were attending as observers: Bob Miller, Paul Gibbons, Allen Moore, Kris Smilko, John Sweaney, Richard Newby, and Les Talley. A conflict of interest issue was brought forward regarding the President and Secretary of the board having their lawns

mowed free of charge by the entity who was awarded the mowing of the Oak Hill Cemetery. The bid that was accepted by that board was allegedly given to the highest bidder and then asked that bidder to reduce their bid amount. King recommended commissioners consult with our county auditor when looking at the 2015 budget process for that cemetery.

Joel Haden, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Cathy Rinck, Office Manager, joined the meeting to discuss possible engineering companies for bridge design for the Cook Bridge project. KDOT specifications must be met by any engineering company selected. Haden requests two companies from the list be selected in case one company is not available. Commission asked that Haden make his recommendation and move on it. Haden recommends Cook, Flatt & Strobel and Finney & Turnipseed as the companies being contacted.

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Provided commissioners with a spreadsheet and information regarding the Animal Shelter as provided from Richard Blankinship. 2) Provided commissioners with reports from Register of Deeds and the Health Department for their review. 3) Advised commissioners that Helen Matthews last working day will be May 2, 2014. 4) Asked commissioners if there needed to be discussion in her naming Crystal Wade as the Deputy Clerk on May 5, 2014 and increase her hourly wage to the normal amount due a Deputy Clerk. 5) Advised commissioners that she would be out of the office the week of April 14, 2014 while attending Sanborn Institute which is the certification program for Clerks.

Commissioners received a letter of resignation from Cindy Powell who was the county appointee to the Animal Shelter Board. Danny Williams made a motion to accept the resignation of Cindy Powell. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Danny Williams made a motion to appoint Jarot Blakemore to the Animal Shelter Board to represent the county. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Larry King, County Counselor, informed commissioners that the Enterprise Zone Act is no longer available per the State. The Neighborhood Revitalization program is still a state program and could be reestablished again.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Goff Searl 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