

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 22, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, April 22, 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, County Clerk Janice A. Fine and Human Resources Manager Crystal Wade. Chairman Danny Williams opened the meeting with prayer.

Minute's approval: Jack Carpenter moved to approve the minutes as presented, Goff Searl second, motion passed.

Janice Fine asked the commissioners to approve the removal of Helen Matthews name from both local banks and all accounts at each bank and add Crystal Wade as she will be named Deputy County Clerk and be sworn in on May 5, 2014. Goff Searl made motion to remove Helen Matthews from all bank accounts and add Crystal Wade, Goff Searl seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Janice Fine left the meeting.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented his weekly report. Rock has been hauled on Bronco Rd and Rd 22 going east to the bottom of the hill, to Rd 25 and Davis Ranch Rd. Crews have been working the hill at Independence Rd and Lariat to the east. Maintenance has been done to Gallop Rd on the east side of Peru. Crews have reworked the hill and hauled rock to Rd 16 and Bronco to the north. The hill at Stony Point on Rd 11 has been reworked and rock has been hauled to Rd 3 and Eagle and Rd 4 and Lariat going north. The bridge at Boy Scout Lake on Rd 19 has been repaired, and was reviewed by Keeny Blair from Cook, Flatt and Strobel. The Cook Bridge on Ranch Rd was also reviewed.

Perkins Oil, sent a check, and application for a road cut permit on Independence Road north of Lariat. Haden provided a map to commissioners depicting the potential road cut. Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve the permit. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Permit will be held for one year.

Commissioners commended the Road and Bridge crew on the current condition of county roads.

EnBridge Pipeline called to check in with Haden. They spoke about the conditions of construction in Montgomery County caused by the pipeline coming through and future pipeline work to be done in Chautauqua County. Haden will thoroughly review roads affected in Chautauqua County.

Goff Searl asked Haden about rocks being left in the middle of roads. Haden states he has instructed graders to be more attentive and go back to roads that are not satisfactory. Searl also asked about the progress of fence to be built around the county dumpsters, Haden will review the dumpster site.

Chairman Williams and Haden will meet and review the road near Lewis' home. Haden left the meeting at 8:48

Goff Searl mentioned that Home Town Healthcare is continuing to look for a place in Sedan to open a satellite office. The vacant office spaces on the third floor of the courthouse do not meet their needs that include a ground floor office with smaller square footage.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-05 adopting a five year solid waste management plan. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Crystal Wade presented the following items, National Walk at Lunch Day sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue shield will take place at noon on April 30, 2014. Everyone is invited to participate, please meet on the Courthouse steps at noon. Wade reminded commissioners of the District Meeting on April 24, 2014 in Columbus KS. Commissioner Williams, will be unable to attend, Commissioners Searl and Carpenter volunteered to take his place. A thank you letter was received from the Cedar Vale Spring Fling Committee thanking the County Commissioners for sponsoring the event.

Commissioners held discussion on the Chautauqua County Animal Shelter.

Kurtis Simmons with Community Corrections joined the meeting at 9:50. Simmons presented grant applications, and budget for 2015. Funding for Community Corrections is provided by The Kansas Department of Corrections, offender fees supplement funds. Simmons answered Commissioners questions and explained new budget and costs. Goff Searl asked about prisoner vs. probation population. Simmons stated that there seems to be more individuals are on probation, however in the last quarter there was a 70% success rate for those individuals. Goff Searl moved to approve the plan and budget for fiscal year 2015, Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Kurtis Simmons left the meeting at 10:06

Pauline Roberts, Phyllis Howard and Harry Howard joined the meeting as observers at 10:08.

Pauline Roberts requested to address the April 9, 2014 commission minutes. She is the President of the Oak Hill Cemetery Board. She asked that today's minutes reflect that she has and still compensates the individual who does mowing on her personal property.

Frank Green and Bobbie Green joined the meeting at 10:14.

Roberts stated the minutes from April 9, 2014, and the statements of the attendees of that meeting have jeopardized her character in the community as she is a long time resident and wants the best for her community.

Frank Green said that he would like to discuss the minutes because he felt they reflect Mrs. Roberts in a negative light, referring to the statement that services

rendered from Green were not being paid for. Green explained that he does get paid for mowing Mrs. Roberts's yard, by cash, check, or other services such as baked goods. Roberts wishes that the issue will not negatively affect the cemetery board and feels the statements made were unfair.

Chairman Williams addressed the group and stated that county commissioners have no authority over the cemetery boards. Green thanked the Commissioners and said that he understood that the commissioners have made no decisions or rulings, but wanted to make sure to clarify the situation.

Goff Searl moved to adjourn at 10:41, 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:

Human Resources Manager, Crystal Wade