

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 30, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Wednesday, April 30, 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 April 22, 2014 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented his weekly report. Crews are hauling rock on Bronco and Rd 24 north of Bronco, Lariat and Independence Shortcut going east, Lariat and Rd 23 north and trimmed trees on Rd 23 north of Lariat. Culverts installed on Marshall west of Rd 14 and cleared waterways. Cattle guard work on Rd 16 south of Gallop. Ditches cleaned on Rd 21 and Bronco south of Chautauqua. Entrance work on the south and east side of Chautauqua. Low water crossing is on the list for repairs and will be reviewed soon for concrete bids. ECQ Pipeline applied for two road cuts (Lariat and Rd 30 general vicinity). Goff Searl made a motion to accept the road cut requests for ECQ Pipeline. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners reviewed items on Purple Wave Auction site as county property is listed for sale. Bids close May 6, 2014.

Walt Wigton joined the meeting as observer.

Jarret Blakemore joined the meeting to discuss his appointment to the Animal Shelter Board. Communication between all boards involved with the animal shelter needs to be improved and efforts coordinated to provide the best service to citizens and the animals. Discussed the need for the shelter to function for the citizens of Chautauqua County else tax dollars shouldn't be provided. The City of Sedan has a policy and procedures manual that they use. Larry King, County Counselor, advised the commissioners and Blakemore regarding the multiple entities responsibilities. King's recommendation is to enter into an inter-local agreement with Sedan regarding the Animal Shelter. Define roles and establish new rules and regulations. Commissioners request King to provide a letter sharing the conversation today for the City of Sedan's input and opinion.

Luke Middleton, KDOT and Christie Kelley joined the meeting to introduce themselves. Highway 99 has been reviewed and there hasn't been any forward movement on our request to widen Highway 99 from Sedan to the Elk County Line. Another meeting in October will be advertised. KDOT will provide us with the official date as soon as it is established. An overlay request has been made for the west end of the county on Highway 166.

Reta Pipher joined the meeting to discuss a fence issue. Goff Searl left the meeting to attend a funeral. Pipher discussed removing a structure on her property in town.

Pipher brought her application for a fence viewing and will provide the check made out to Chautauqua County. A Fence Viewing will be scheduled and all entities notified and requested to attend. All survey's on the property were discussed. The commissioner's responsibility is to review the fence in question and render an opinion on the quality of the fence. Larry King, County Counselor, will review the documents, verify accuracy, notify land owners when the date of the viewing has been scheduled.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to appoint Annie Blankenship to the New Beginnings Advisory Board as requested by Joe O'Rourke. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Kenny Blair, Cook, Flatt & Strobel engineer, joined the meeting to discuss the Cook Bridge Project. Cathy Rinck, Road & Bridge Office Manager, joined the meeting for discussion on the Cook Bridge and to answer any questions the commissioners might have. Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Department Head joined the meeting for discussion. Blair wants to discuss all issues he has discovered with the project. Larry King, County Counselor, reviewed the contract and advised commissioners that everything looked in place. Jack Carpenter made a motion to accept the contract. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Blair after review of the bridge re-estimated the project as the original estimate appeared very low. KDOT has found monies to increase their 80% of the project but Blair needs the county to approve the increased amount since they are responsible for 20%. The total estimated project costs for Chautauqua County would be \$200,000.00. KDOT will request county funds around October 2015. Road & Bridge 2015 budget must be increased to cover the cost of this project. Costs for all bridge projects continue to increase. Blair will contact KDOT to notify them of the counties wish to move forward on the project.

Danny Williams requested to go into executive session at 10:10 a.m. for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Larry King, County Counselor, was requested to attend. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Danny Williams called the regular meeting back in session at 10:25 a.m. No action was taken.

Janice Fine, County Clerk, provided commissioners with an email received last week from Teresa Moore, City of Chautauqua, regarding the minutes of April 15, 2014. Fine reminded commissioners that any citizen can bring any issue to commissioners at any time. If an issue is brought to commissioners and they have any authority over the issue they will make a recommendation. If no authority exists the commissioners make that statement. The minutes must reflect a summary of the conversation as it is an open meeting. The minutes do protect names but not the issue discussed. An executive session can only be called when necessary to discuss private information to protect the county or its employees.

Rodger Green joined the meeting to discuss building materials needed to complete the new north Health Department entryway. Commissioners asked Green to purchase the necessary items locally.

Danny Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes at 10:50 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel with Larry King County Counselor in attendance. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Danny Williams called the regular meeting back in session at 11:10 a.m. No action was taken.

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	\$85,502.76
Appraiser	\$9,103.09
Election	\$ 400.00
Employee Benefit	\$90,917.70
Health	\$23,151.08
Noxious Weed	\$2,954.67
Road and Bridge	\$50,878.72
Special Bridge	\$2,061.54
Juvenile Detention	\$499.00
County 911	\$12,109.00
Solid Waste	\$15,253.78
Treasurer's Auto	\$3,025.61
R of D tech Fund	\$695.00
Total All Funds	297,551.95

Jack Carpenter made a motion to adjourn at 11:34 a.m. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Danny D. Williams, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

County Clerk, Janice A. Fine