

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 13, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, May 13, 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.

Amy Lampson and Lisa Hudson, Treasurer, joined the meeting as observer.

Minute's approval: Jack Carpenter made a motion to accept the minutes with two corrections. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented his weekly report. Crews are hauling rock on Rd 30, Dalton down by McDaniel's pens, Rd 11 north of Nation, Highway 166 south on Rd 21, Rd 10 and Heritage east. Work has been completed on an entrance culvert at Trail and Rd 8 west. Haden reviewed a culvert at Rd 28 near Bierle's and it is working well. Haden drove Rd 18 south of Highway 99 and did not find the tree in question. Commissioner brought road information to Haden for his review.

Commission asked Larry King, County Counselor, how the tax sale was going. Commission asked Laura Beeson, Register of Deeds, to join the meeting to discuss her progress on the tax sale. Beeson declined to join the meeting but sent information with King to report: there has been a huge snag in reviewing documents and Beeson cannot be certain when the research will be complete. Commissioners asked that Sharon Clark join the meeting at her convenience. Commissioners asked if Clark would be willing to contract to complete the deed work so a tax sale could be accomplished for November 2014. A cost that has been paid in past is \$50.00 per parcel for all the research. King identified the requirements. Commission held discussion to take what Beeson has completed for the tax sale this year and contract with Clark going forward for all future tax sales. Commission asked that Clark determine her costs and enter into a contract for her future services and bring that information to the next meeting. Amy Goode, Deputy Treasurer, joined the meeting and brought commissioners information on the number of eligible properties for the tax sale.

Charles Reed joined the meeting at commissioner's request. Commissioners asked if he was still interested in the Housing Board member appointment. Reed indicates his obstacles have been cleared and he will be available to be active again.

Goode offered that of the 41 parcels the deeds research has been completed but the district court research has not be completed. There were three parcels from the last tax sale that should go into the next tax sale. Hudson offered that the county is trying to catch up since tax sales have not be a priority. Commissioners have made the tax sale a priority. Goode left the meeting.

Lisa Hudson, Treasurer, located information from Purple Wave, the online auction site, and provided commissioners with contract prices with the expectation that Purple Wave will take their commission from the top.

Larry King, County Counselor, and Crystal Wade, Deputy County Clerk, joined the meeting to discuss the lack of Affirmative Action Policy and Plan for the county. Anything that could be found is dated 1996. An update needs to be reviewed and current information added to the

employee's handbook. The Supreme Court decision from last week needs to be reviewed before creating anything for our handbook. Commissioners asked that KCAMP be involved in this process.

Crystal Wade, Deputy County Clerk, brought an unemployment application letter from the State of Kansas for a prior employee who has applied for compensation. King offered state information prior to their decision. Commission approves the unemployment application. Wade asked to schedule training for FMLA and Wage and Hour Training for Department Heads and Elected Officials. An example was provided. Commission approved.

Tim Hills joined the meeting to ask for signature on the lease purchase agreement with Bank of Sedan. Goff Searl made a motion to accept and sign the lease purchase agreement with Bank of Sedan for the Sheriff's Department vehicles. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl made a comment regarding the loss of the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Oklahoma. Chautauqua County cannot compete when land is given along with tax abatement programs and we cannot compete with the big guys. Lampson doesn't feel that we are competing with the little guys either. Jack Carpenter offered he had worked on a wind farm project and had it ready to move in Chautauqua County and our governor nixed the idea. Lampson asked if the commissioners might consider having some meetings in the evening. There was discussion about the possibility. There was good discussion why we need to find ways to bring/retain younger individuals into our communities. Lampson states all she wants to do is help this county grow.

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
General Fund	\$8,463.85
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$388.50
Appraiser	\$2,499.44
Election	\$2,468.35
Health	\$1,089.12
Noxious Weed	\$100.00
Road and Bridge	\$33,181.87
County 911	\$745.06
Solid Waste	\$5,713.96
Total All Funds	\$54,650.15

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn, Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Danny D. Williams, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

County Clerk, Janice A. Fine