

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

June 24, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, June 24, 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: Jack Carpenter made a motion to accept the minutes of June 17 as presented. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, presented his weekly report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Dalton and Rd 22, Ranch and Rd 30, Ranch and Rd 29. Brush was hauled from Rd 3 and Dalton at the low water crossing. Rd 26 to county line was reviewed and Haden plans on working on that area. Haden talked with individuals who may share the costs of a particular road repair. Panels are ready to be set at the dumpsters as soon as the welding is complete. State Inspections has been accomplished on a few bridges. Several bridges were discussed.

Lisa Hudson, County Treasurer, joined the meeting as observer.

Marlena Graham joined the meeting to discuss employee health benefits with commissioners. Graham stated the cancer policy she represents can't be beat. Graham discussed taking back our health care. Atlas MD is what Graham discussed. This is a membership based medical policy going around the normal medical insurance process. Graham is working with Elk County to develop this process. Her vision is working to bring revenue back into our community. Chautauqua County hospital and rural health clinic is being sponsored by outside entities. Graham wants to connect commissioners to information regarding Atlas MD for their review and consideration.

Kay Walker joined the meeting to present the 2015 Council on Aging budget. Discussed that the budget asked is what's approved when possible but the distribution is based on taxes collected. It does happen that entities do not receive all funds requested. There was discussion regarding the budgeted funds for 2014.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head and Dale Stone, Solid Waste Supervisor joined the meeting to bring final costs for the purchase of a new truck. A monthly report was provided to commissioners. Commissioners approved the purchase with available funds.

Crystal Wade, Deputy County Clerk joined the meeting to discuss updating reimbursement rates for mileage and meals during work related travel. The state rate and IRS standards were presented. Commission will review and discuss with 2015 budget discussions. Meal reimbursements were discussed. Wade will pull numbers and bring to the next meeting.

Larry King, County Counselor offered that Sedan Floral has applied for the tax abatement program and he will be working on the process.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: **1)** Department budget worksheets for their review. Commissioners will review and begin discussion at the July 8, 2014 meeting. **2)** 2015 Holiday schedule was presented for approval. Goff Searl made a motion to approve the proposed 2015 Holiday schedule. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. **3)** Alerted commissioners that Todd Tiaht, candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, 4<sup>th</sup> District, will be in Sedan on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sedan Sr. Center. **4)** The clerk's July Abstract has been approved and released by the State of Kansas. **5)** The clerk received a request for a commissioner appointment to a board. Commissioners will review the request and make a decision at the meeting on June 30, 2014.

Having no other business to come before the commission Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 10:56 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

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Danny D. Williams, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

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Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

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County Clerk, Janice A. Fine