

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

July 15, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, July 15, 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 July 8, 2014 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: Rd 27 and Overland, Dalton east of Rd 25, north of Scout Lake Rd 19, Valley and Rd 32. Culvert and ditches cleaned on Rd 28 and Eagle. KWORCC letter of issues to resolve that were discussed at the meeting last week have been completed and the chairman needs to sign before returning. Commissioner asked Haden to review an issue on Kansas and Rd 32. Haden presented information to Chairman Williams regarding the dump truck lease/purchase that was discussed last week. Commission approves the lease/purchase of the Kenworth Dump Truck but requests Haden to talk with local banks to review their interest rate for savings.

Road and Bridge vehicles are planned purchases that are necessary to conduct business and does not affect general funds.

Jim Duncan will be working a farm show booth and he wanted the commissioners to know.

Chuck Beth, CDBG Grant representative, joined the meeting to discuss completing the program. Water Districts are reviewing a new water source backup opportunity. Beth presented contracts and a release needing commission signatures to close the program. Beth has a request to draw down the final amount to SCKEDD.

Amy Lampson joined the meeting. Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator joined the meeting.

Charles Reed joined the meeting at commissioner's request. Commissioners had questions regarding the Housing meeting attendance. Charles hopes to move HUD along as there are vacant houses in Sedan and available.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head, joined the meeting to discuss department business. Kline provided a monthly report. Solid Waste continues to do well.

Danny Williams made a motion to recess the commission meeting to reconvene in the court room to accommodate group attendance at 9:25 a.m. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Danny Williams re-opened the regular commission meeting in the court room at 9:27 a.m. Amy Lampson brought information from the citizen group meeting she organized. Those attendees requested Lampson bring to commissioners their request to revisit the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Lampson invited citizens from the local meeting and 19 were in attendance. There was discussion regarding the content of the revised SE Kansas Hazardous Mitigation Plan that many of our surrounding counties have implemented. A resolution was drafted for commissioner's review and that document was presented to County Counselor Larry King. There was conversation from citizens attending that this plan did not obligate the county to the federal government but was more of an insurance plan.

Travis and Tim Nordell joined the meeting.

Positive and negative results of adopting the Hazardous Mitigation Plan were discussed. There was discussion that the individuals who need the most help in a disaster would be positively impacted if this plan was in place. Commissioners offered that a Public Meeting would be scheduled to review both sides of the issue before a decision could be made. July 31, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the courtroom is the established meeting time for all to attend and voice their opinions of the plan. A copy of the plan would be on file in the Clerk's Office for any citizen to review.

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn the meeting in the court room at 10:13 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Danny Williams re-opened the regular commission meeting at 10:15 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

Jeremy McCully, Appraiser joined the meeting and requested an executive session to include Larry King. Goff Searl made a motion to go into executive session with McCully and County Counselor Larry King at 10:16 a.m. for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Danny Williams called the regular commission meeting back in session at 10:36 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

McCully and commissioners discussed scheduling the Public Hearing regarding the Tax Abatement Program for Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room. McCully will verify the taxing units identified in the Sedan Floral Cost Benefit Analysis prior to the public meeting. There was discussion regarding the benefit of this program. All applications approved will be reviewed and renewed, if applicable, yearly.

Amy Lampson brought to commissioners a letter she received at her home and presented it to commissioners. Chairman Williams opened and read the letter regarding unprofessional observations by a citizen.

Commissioners discussed budget requests and how they can begin to carve out a responsible budget for each department. Commissioners will schedule a special budget meeting to discuss 2015 budget requests. Date scheduled for Budget Special Meeting is: Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 7:00 a.m.

Commissioner Searl discussed electrical meters the county owns and how we can reduce the number of meters. Searl will have a discussion with Caney Valley.

Commissioners and County Clerk Janice Fine discussed the meeting agenda process. Positive and negative aspects of an agenda process change was discussed. Fine offered to make any modification the commissioners deemed necessary. The current process is a citizen calls and asks to be placed on the agenda. The citizen determines the date and time most appropriate for them. Their name is placed in the agenda book. A topic is always asked and usually something is provided. That information is put on the white-board prior to the commission meeting. Commissioners agreed to leave the process as is.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the Warrants Payable expenses for Mid-Month expenditures as follows:

FUND	TOTAL
General Fund	\$ 14,471.40
Ambulance Dist #1	\$ 4,560.42
Ambulance Dist #2	\$ 13,875.00
Appraiser	\$ 3,593.53
Election	\$ 738.98
Health	\$ 2,434.76
Noxious Weed	\$ 9,245.60
Road & Bridge	\$ 18,609.10
Solid Waste	\$ 8,216.03
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$58,012.40</b>

Jack Carpenter made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Goff Searl 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