

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

September 2, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 8:37 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.

Jack Warren, Sheriff Perry Russell, Amy Lampson, Nita Jones, Melody Jones, and Renatta Kubit joined the meeting as observers.

Minute's approval: Goff Searl made a motion to approve them minutes of August 29, 2014 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, provided his weekly road report. Crews have been hauling rock to the following: Indian and Rd 30, Marshall and Rd 14 going south, Rd 32 and Gallop south and west, Marshall and Rd 8 going north and Rd 29 and Independence Rd going west and east. There was a large tree removed from the road at Gallop and Rd 28. There was a bridge cleaned out on Independence and Rd 31 one mile north. A culvert was installed at Indian Rd and Rd 30, ½ mile west. Reflectors were installed on a bridge on Rd 3 and Gallop south of Cedar Vale. The landfill list of maintenance was taken care of and turned into Solid Waste. Brush sprayed on Rd 22 from Quivera north. Crews are patching the road at Rd 32 and Bronco. Road and Bridge staff worked on downed trees and such due to the storms. Lisa Hudson, Treasurer, and Butch Lewis joined the meeting as observers. Sheriff offered where the worst storm damage appears to have been and offered that as of now no injuries reported. Crews will be working on roads and brush clean up for the rest of the week.

Renatta Kubit presented the declaration of storm damage to commissioners. This document is in effect for 7 days. Kubit asked about a resolution on Nims testing. A document needs to be signed to notify the state that we agree and are participating. A sample document was presented to Larry King, County Counselor for review and discussion at the next meeting. The declaration was given to King for review before commission signature. Heath Lampson joined the meeting as observer. King reviewed and advised the commissioners how this document needs to be addressed. Chairman Williams signed the disaster declaration. Larry Robinette joined the meeting as observer.

There was general discussion regarding the generator having issues at the sheriff's department during the storm and how it had to be started manually.

Shane Chrisman joined the meeting to let commissioners know that he has accepted a job offer in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Chrisman will be leaving today. Brett Dickens and Elroy Smith joined the meeting as observers.

Kubit, Robinette, Sheriff discussed with commissioners the most recent LEPC meeting and their progress. Sheriff and staff will be assessing the storm damage and keep commissioners informed of any out of the ordinary issues. Kubit asked about the resolution regarding the mitigation plan. Robinette needs damage from roads and bridges information, vehicle costs for this storm gathered. Mary Jo Roberts and Sue Kill joined the meeting as observers. Melody Jones offered her positive opinion regarding the mitigation plan. Community safety is the issue as Jones stated. Amy Lampson offered this is not a competition. Heath Lampson again asked what the specific stumbling blocks for land owners not wanting the mitigation plan. Sheriff offered that if a public meeting is scheduled that an expert should introduce the plan and go from there. Annie Blankinship, Alan Zadorozny and Tim Nordell joined the meeting as observer. Sheriff offered that the federal government has assisted with funding for crops, oil etc and didn't have issues taking funds from the federal government. LEPC President, Jim Bell, asked for a copy of the mitigation plan. LEPC is engaging their committee. There was continued discussion regarding a question election versus commissioners making the decision for our county. Zoning remains the stumbling block as stated by Commissioner Searl. Rodney Dickens joined the meeting as observer.

Jim Leftwich, State of Kansas, Division of Emergency Management joined the meeting to answer any question commissioners might have. FEMA determines flood plains and it can be a big deal, but it has nothing to do with the mitigation plan. Regional Plans condenses the responsibility and personnel time to renew every few years. Regional means everything grouped together and the total damage is grouped and makes it easier for a region to meet the threshold to be awarded funds. Leftwich stated the state has limited funding. Without mitigation plans no federal funds are available. Discussed specific needs for watersheds and Leftwich will research. Leftwich offered an example for this specific issue and FEMA denied their application. Lampson asked if we never get funds is it a good idea to have a mitigation plan and Leftwich states there are many advantages and few disadvantages. FEMA will determine flood plains in Chautauqua County with or without a mitigation plan. Nordell asked Leftwich regarding Oil on his land and hiring a Flood Plain Manager and specific ordinances. Leftwich offered to ask experts regarding all aspects of the mitigation plan if requested.

Annie Blankinship joined the meeting to discuss Health Department business. The Health Department has partnered with the Extension bringing a speaker to discuss the affordable care act to all citizens wishing to attend. Health Department is planning a drive through flu event October 2, 2014 at the fair building.

Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser, joined the meeting to discuss the loss of an employee. Hendren will advertise the position and receive applications.

Lisa Hudson, Treasurer addressed commission regarding the minutes of August 19, 2014. Hudson stated a sentence needed correction. The sentence stated Hudson was asked to discuss with commissioners issues in her department. Hudson offered that the sentence should have read that during a phone conversation with Larry King, County Counselor, he suggested Hudson talk with commissioners about the issue. Hudson then advised King that she was already on the agenda.

Chairman Williams made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes at 10:50 am with Larry King, County Counselor in attendance for attorney/client privilege. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Williams called the regular meeting back in session at 11:05 a.m. No action taken.

Janice Fine, County Clerk, brought the following to the commission: 1) CMB license for Peru Truck Stop 2) District meeting information 3) School function that Fine and Wade will be attending on September 10, 2014 4) Travel Expense and reimbursement policy – tabled until the next meeting 5) Fine stated for the record that she is not for or against anything regarding Lisa Hudson, Treasurer 6) District Court requested a change fund for their office which must be commission approved with a resolution. Larry King, County Counselor prepared resolution 2014-09. Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve resolution 2014-09 to create a change fund for District Court in the amount of \$50.00. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser, brought Shane Chrisman's letter of resignation to commissioners effective immediately.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-09 to create a Change Fund for District Court. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 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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Janice A. Fine, County Clerk