

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 9, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, September 9, 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.

Lisa Hudson, Treasurer joined the meeting as observer.

Minute's approval: Goff Searl made a motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 2014 with one correction. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Heath Lampson, Amy Lampson and Mary Jo Roberts joined the meeting as observers.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, provided his weekly road report. Crews have been hauling rock to the following: Junction and Rd 30 north and south, Rd 31 and Gallop going west. Dead end signs were placed at Rd 6 and Valley. Trees removed at Rd 29 and Eagle, Rd 28 and Eagle and in Chautauqua from Rd 18 and Bronco all the way to the west county line. There is a field check at the Cook Bridge at Rd 3 and Ranch a mile east with KDOT. Cathy Rinck, Road and Bridge Office Manager joined the meeting to share a list of upcoming bridge inspections as notified by KDOT. There are fourteen bridges for annual inspections in Chautauqua County. The County is responsible for contracting with a company to perform these fracture critical inspections. The county does not have to go out for bids. Road and Bridge will ask two companies for estimates on the inspections. Rinck and Haden attending a meeting in Chanute and Rinck brought information to commissioners. Small bridge replacement versus large bridge replacement process was part of the meeting and that information was discussed with commissioners. More decisions can be made by the county and the design engineer than what's been offered in the past. Rinck brought valuable bridge information to commissioners. KDOT's program funding must be used each year and will not rollover to future years. Commissioners stated they have committed funding for the Cook Bridge. Rinck brought concerns to commissioners on cost for bridge inspections. Elroy Smith and Jennifer McNown joined the meeting as observers. Other bridges were discussed. Heath Lampson left the meeting. Commissioners asked Haden to review a few roads.

Danny Vanrogan joined the meeting to discuss the trailer for scrap metal at the dumpsters. Vanrogan will move the trailer and mow and then put it back. No complaints have been registered with commissioners so the trailer can remain at the dumpsters.

Meeting room moving possibilities was brought up for discussion. An option was to remodel the old jail area on the second floor, save a bath room, and create a

meeting room. Laura Beeson, Register of Deeds was asked if she would give up her office but there are obstacles. Larry King, County Counselor is an advocate of a larger meeting room. King offered that entry into the old jail has been reviewed and is not easily converted for public entry. Tim Nordell and Dale Goode joined the meeting as observers. King stated the old jail area would be acceptable for record keeping options but public access will be the issue. King offered that the commission has authority over the building and where offices are located.

Crystal Wade, Human Resources Manager joined the meeting to discuss with commissioners receipt of an unemployment notice from the state. The commissioners need to decide if they wish to approve or contest the application. Larry King, County Counselor will review and provide an opinion to commissioners.

There was discussion regarding the commissioner expenditure report for the month ending August 31, 2014. Rodney Dickens joined the meeting as observer.

King offered his opinion regarding the unemployment notice received. King stated that the county should approve the notice. King offered that all individuals who apply are considered qualified. Commissioners approve the notice and Chairman Williams signed the document.

Larry King, County Counselor asked to address commissioners. King has decided to retire from County Counselor position near the December 2014 payroll ending period. King has spent 24 and ½ years at the county. King's retirement will impact the current tax sale. Commissioners request that King start the current tax sale and hand it off to his replacement.

Goff Searl made a motion to go into executive session to discuss client/attorney privilege for 15 minutes with Larry King present at 9:23 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Chairman Williams called the regular meeting back in session at 9:39 a.m. No action taken.

Heath Lampson joined the meeting as observer.

Goff Searl made a motion to go into executive session for client/attorney privilege until 10:00 a.m. with Larry King present. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Williams called the regular meeting back in session at 10:00 a.m. No action was taken.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following: 1) KWORC loss prevention visit letter identifying issues to be addressed. 2) Request from USD 286 for an ad in their yearbook. Goff Searl made a motion to place an ad in USD 285 and USD 286 yearbook for \$50.00 each. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. 3) Reminded commissioners about the district meeting as requested and ask who would be attending. 4) Ask if commissioners wished to discuss the travel and expense reimbursement policy. Commissioners asked for a couple of modifications and to bring to the next meeting. 5) Reminded commissioners that the Clerk was still holding the Hazardous Mitigation Resolution provided to her from Renatta Kubit, Emergency Management Coordinator and asked if they were ready to make a

decision. Goff Searl made a motion to not approve the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser joined the meeting to provide commissioners with the ad wording for the vacant position. Commission agreed that Hendren should move forward with advertising. Larry King, County Counselor asked if a physical was part of the hiring process.

Larry King stated to commissioners that KCAMP is the liability company for the county and has interest in all county disciplinary actions. Justin Ferrell, KCAMP and two attorneys from Foulston Seifken, who represent KCAMP, advised King to counsel the Treasurer in executive session. Larry King requests to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to render legal advice. Goff Searl made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non elected personnel with Larry King, County Counselor and Lisa Hudson, Treasurer present. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. King stated that no recording devices should be on during executive session. Chairman Williams called the regular meeting back in session at 10:40 a.m. No action taken.

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Danny D. Williams, Chairman, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Janice A. Fine, County Clerk