

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

September 16, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioner Jack Carpenter and Goff Searl 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 and Jody Green joined the meeting as observers.

Minute's approval: Goff Searl made a motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 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: Rd 8 and Overland going west, Rd 8 and Overland going east, Rd 8 and Overland going north, Peru Shortcut between Sedan and Peru, Gallop and Rd 30 between Rd 30 and Rd 31, Rd 30 and Indian Road going west. Staff repaired a guardrail on Bronco and Rd 32. Haden performed a field check on the bridge at Ranch and Rd 3 one mile east. Marshall and Rd 7 delineators (reflectors) were installed on a bridge. Commissioners identified areas for Haden's review.

Amy Lampson joined the meeting as observer.

Goff Searl made a motion to accept the travel and expense reimbursement policy as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Luke Middleton, KDOT Engineer, joined the meeting to let commissioners know of a meeting on October 6, 2014 in Chanute from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the KDOT District Office. The public is invited. All area engineers and one district engineer will be present. Chairman Williams commented that Highway 160 in the Burden area was in good shape. Middleton and Commissioners talked about milling down Highway 99 from Sedan to the north county line. Middleton suggests identifying an area where the most accidents happen and perhaps they can do something for that area and review the entire stretch of road for later funding. The October meeting is to discuss different projects to put on the table when funds become available. Middleton identified that voting on projects is critical so the more people from this area who attend the better chance when voting on projects begin. Commissioners identified an area near Cedar Vale where accidents tend to happen just over a hill.

Sue Kill and Allen Zadorozny joined the meeting to introduce Abdul Arif the new Executive Director of South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD). SCKEDD is writing at least 19 grants and if they come through SCKEDD would have funds available for projects. Loan programs will still exist with SCKEDD. Kill identified Arif's strengths. Arif has experience and knowledge in finances, legal and non-profit. Kill stated Arif is a problem solver. Commissioner Williams identified a local business as a potential business participant that might need

assistance. Population growth was discussed as a need in our community. Arif indicates that a lobbyist in Topeka would greatly increase the possibility of Chautauqua County in acquiring funds for growth. Oil, gas, agriculture, hunting and ranching are the mainstays of this community. Arif touched on how SCKEDD might help with industries identified. Unsecured loan interest is @ 7.5% and usually limited to \$100,000.00. When the risk is high then the interest is also. Microloan and E-Community funds are available. Arif talked about placing an ad in the local newspaper to identify what SCKEDD can do. Commissioners appreciate the introduction and were impressed with his future ideas.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) Open enrollment letter 2) Letter from Leis requesting a road closure in Hewins. Commissioners asked Larry King, County Counselor his opinion and then asked that King contact Leis and explain his options.

Larry King, County Counselor requested an executive session to discuss attorney/client privilege for 15 minutes at 10:00 a.m. Goff Searl made the motion to go into executive session. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Williams called the regular meeting back in session at 10:15 a.m. As a result of the executive session Chairman Williams asked Cathy Rinck, Road & Bridge Office Manager to join the meeting. Williams requested Rinck to walk through the third floor unused space to determine the renovations necessary for the Road & Bridge Department to move their office to that space. Commissioners plan to relocate their commission meetings into the current R&B office as soon as possible. Commissioners were advised by Larry King, County Counselor that that was the logical place for their future meetings. Rinck asked what the budget for the remodel would be. Williams indicated he would like an estimate on the work needing to be done. Rodger Green will walk through that space with Rinck to determine what needs to take place for the move.

Larry King, County Counselor requested an executive session to discuss attorney/client privilege to include Crystal Wade, Deputy Clerk and Human Resources Manager. Goff Searl made a motion to go into executive session until 10:50 a.m. with King and Wade to discuss client/attorney privilege. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Williams called the regular meeting back in session at 10:50 a.m. As a result of the executive session King advised everyone attending that the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to reinstate the financial salary of Amy Goode that was revoked from her on a suspension without pay. There has been lengthy discussion with the county's insurer and the law firm who represents the liability company regarding this issue. King stated doing so may somewhat diminish the county's exposure to liability. King agrees with KCAMP and the law firm that if this would diminish the county's exposure then do it. The budget in question comes from the Treasurer's Office. Goff Searl made a motion to reinstate the wages lost from the five day suspension for Amy Goode to reduce the county's liability. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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

FUND	TOTAL
General Fund	\$17,632.69
Appraiser	\$2,543.15
Election	\$9,347.50
Health	\$1,105.98
Noxious Weed	\$906.07
Road & Bridge	\$30,588.01
County 911	\$45,605.62
Solid Waste	\$5,733.64
Unreimbursed Medical	\$418.12
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$113,880.78</b>

Goff Searl made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 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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Janice A. Fine, County Clerk