

# **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

October 14, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams is absent. Commissioner Carpenter called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the courthouse. Commissioner Goff Searl was present as was County Counselor Larry King and County Clerk Janice A. Fine. Commissioner Jack Carpenter opened the meeting with prayer.

Minute's approval: Goff Searl made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2014 as presented. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, provided his weekly road report. Crews have been hauling rock to the following: Rd 22 and Lariat north and south, Saddle between Rd 23 and Rd 27, Rd 3 north of Highway 166, A culvert was installed Rd 11 and Heritage ½ mile east and continued culvert work at Rd 25 and Lariat. Haden checked the road north of Wauneta and rock will be applied where necessary. Commissioner Searl asked that a bridge plank be reviewed on that road. Commissioners discussed a few road areas that Haden needs to review. Commissioners offered Haden positive responses from citizens.

Crystal Wade, Deputy County Clerk joined the meeting to discuss the KCAMP questionnaire that was received. All information has been compiled and requires commissioner signature before submission to KCAMP. All county departments submitted their information. There was discussion regarding vehicles and estimated values. Commissioners requested to speak with the Sheriff or Undersheriff. Undersheriff Newby will come over as soon as he arrives to the office. Amy Lampson joined the meeting as observer.

Larry King, County Counselor presented the commissioners with filed tax sale documents. Brief discussion followed.

Commissioner Searl stated that Fire District 1 has been working to lower the rating that will decrease costs for homeowners insurance for citizens in Cedar Vale. It was indicated that this process had a positive result.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following information to commissioners: 1) Register of Deeds reports for their review. 2) KWORCC Loss Prevention report is complete and will be mailed today. 3) Advised commissioners that they would meet on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 even though it is Election Day. The canvass will be held the following Monday, November 10, 2014. 4) Review of the Purchasing Policy is tabled until next week. 5) Requested direction on researching a Whistle Blower policy in the Chautauqua County Handbook to protect employees. Commission approved researching this possibility and bringing information back to them for review.

Undersheriff Richard Newby joined the meeting as requested to review insurance information for the Sheriff's Office. Newby reviewed the information provided by his office for accuracy. Newby offered that there are several vehicles in process to be disposed of. Newby asked what date this document must be submitted and November 1, 2014 is the

deadline. Anytime new vehicles are added or removed KCAMP must be advised of the change. Newby will review and get back with Crystal Wade, Deputy County Clerk. Commissioners thanked Newby for coming in.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to recess the regular session at 9:15 a.m. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Jack Carpenter called the meeting back in session at 9:50 a.m. Tim Nordell and Amy Lampson joined the meeting as observers.

Dick Horton with SEK-CAP joined the meeting to discuss the community assessment. There was discussion regarding the beauty of Chautauqua County. Becky Gray could not attend the meeting. SE Kansas Community Action Group is part of our county. Project 17 is part of their involvement. Regional Assessment (12 counties) has been made to identify what services they can provide. They engaged with Project 17 so there is only one assessment. It's important that the story of how beautiful this area is and why people want to live here be included in the assessment. The fact remains that we need more industry for jobs for current citizens and that would encourage others to move here. Horton stated this region needs a high speed internet service company and this item is being reviewed and all possibilities being talked about. Horton is meeting with all regional commissioners asking questions and listening to needs.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head joined the meeting to discuss the Solid Waste Five Year Plan. Amy Lampson left the meeting.

Solid Waste Hearing was called in session at 10:05 a.m. by Jack Carpenter. Tim Nordell remarked how well the Solid Waste Department is doing. Kline continues to manage well. With no further public comment Jack Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 10:10 a.m. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Jack Carpenter called the regular meeting back in session at 10:11 a.m.

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

FUND	TOTAL
General Fund	\$4,379.57
Appraiser	\$1,860.69
Election	\$482.64
Health	\$11,805.01
Noxious Weed	\$72.88
Road & Bridge	\$19,597.37
County 911	\$1,011.18
Solid Waste	\$6,134.86

<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$45,344.20</b>
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Jack Carpenter made a motion to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

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Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Absent

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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