

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

October 21, 2014

Chairman Danny Williams called the meeting of the Chautauqua County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, October 21, 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 Williams opened the meeting with prayer.

Minute's approval: Goff Searl made a motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 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: Ranch and Rd 2, crews have spot graveled at Rd 12 and Quivera due to rain, Rd 23 and Cowboy, Eagle and Rd 19, Nation and Rd 11, Indian and Rd 30, Quivera and Rd 20, Kansas and Rd 30. Crews continue to rock on Saddle between Rd 27 and Rd 30. Commissioners commented on several roads for Haden to review. Haden has talked with Enbridge regarding laying blacktop on a road in question. Larry King, County Counselor reviewed the contract before submitting to Enbridge for road repairs. The Release should not be signed until payment for repairs has been agreed upon and received. Haden discussed a bridge on Rd 3 after reviewing and a bridge north of Wauneta.

Tax Sale process discussion between Larry King, County Counselor and commissioners.

Danny Williams asked for an Executive Session for 15 minutes at 8:50 a.m. for attorney/client privilege with Larry King, County Counselor. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Danny Williams called the regular meeting back in session at 9:05 a.m. No action was taken.

Amy Lampson joined the meeting as observer.

Annie Blankinship, Health Department Administrator joined the meeting to discuss department issues. An Ebola update was presented. Health Department is working closely with the Sedan City Hospital on this possible disaster and prevention process. The Health Department will participate in an Ebola exercise. The Health Department is looking at Ebola equipment for use in case it is needed. Blankinship is mindful of expenses. Travel request forms were presented for commissioner approval. Meeting attendee and information was provided. Blankinship received the contract with USD 286 and this contract needs a signature. Chairman Williams signed the contract.

Larry Sharp with KCAMP joined the meeting to review liability insurance. Sharp discussed last year's liability. KCAMP business meeting will be held during KAC in November in Wichita, KS. David Luke is the new CEO for KCAMP. Sharp asked if we were using KCAMP regarding employment practices. Sharp stressed the need for county elected and supervisors to be aware of legal personnel practices. Sharp indicated the greatest liability for a county is unlawful personnel practices. Sharp offered loss ratio percentages for the past year. The five year average is used to determine increases in costs. 2012 was under

5% on loss ratio, 2011 was high at 332% and 2010 was 84% loss ratio. Cost of the new jail has increased the liability costs. A liability scenario was discussed. There was discussion regarding property damage in Elk County due to the National Guard jet that crashed. A liability trend for costing purposes was discussed. Camera monitoring is helpful in liability lawsuits. The grant that KCAMP offers for training should be applied for each year. Road signs were put in place using the grant monies in a prior year. Other counties use this grant for body cameras for law enforcement and upgrade light bars on public patrol cars. Chairman Williams will look into this issue. Searl asked if there was a way to reduce premiums and Sharp offered training would be one way. There are issues that are out of our control and will impact premiums. Sharp offered to possibly create a Safety Committee that KCAMP would assist in developing. Sharp offered that employment issues are most prevalent and training would be helpful to all supervisors in reducing unnecessary liability claims which will reduce premium costs. Sharp offered that normal department head meetings might be a benefit to the county.

Linda Kline, Solid Waste Department Head joined the meeting.

Chairman Williams recessed the regular meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Chairman Williams called the Solid Waste Public Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Kline provided commissioners with a list of delinquent accounts. There was discussion regarding the accounts. Kline asked that four deceased renter's accounts be written off. Danny Williams made a motion to write off the four deceased accounts. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Kline provided a resolution and needs a motion to adopt the resolution 2014-12. Goff Searl made a motion to adopt resolution 014-12 regarding solid waste accounts. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. With no further public comments Chairman Williams closed the public hearing at 10:10 a.m.

Chairman Williams called the regular meeting back in session at 10:11 a.m.

Linda Kline offered that her granddaughter has been selected by the University of Missouri as one of the Top 10 Most Influential Students of 2014. This being one of the highest awards a student at the university can receive being recognized for excellence in scholarship, leadership, and community. Commissioners congratulated Kline on her granddaughter's honor.

Janice Fine, County Clerk brought the following to commissioners: 1) No bids were received for the third floor remodel. 2) Open enrollment for employee benefits will close on October 31, 2014. 3) In office voting began on Friday, October 17, 2014. Absentee ballots can be requested through Friday, October 31, 2014. 4) Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 even though it is Election Day. The canvass will be held Monday, November 10, 2014 as will the regular commission meeting since Tuesday, November 11, 2014 is Veterans Day and the courthouse will be closed for business. 5) Reminded commissioners of the candidate forum sponsored by Farm Bureau for October 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sedan Sr. Center.

FUND	TOTAL
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General Fund	\$27,431.73
Ambulance #1	\$9,120.84
Ambulance # 2	\$27,750.00
Appraiser	\$4,189.79
Election	\$548.76
Employee benefit	\$8,824.26
Health	\$6,254.80
Noxious Weed	\$102.33
Road & Bridge	\$52,605.52
Special bridge	\$5,900.00
Juvenile detention	\$1,499.00
Solid Waste	\$1,589.42
Treasurer Auto	\$485.84
Payroll Clearing	\$65,809.50
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$212,111.79

Danny Williams made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Goff Searl 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