

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

December 16, 2014

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

Minute's approval: Jack Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2014 as presented. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Joel Haden, Road & Bridge Supervisor, provided his weekly road report. Crews are hauling rock to the following: Belknap area Trail and Saddle and Rd 12, Bronco and Rd 18 as time permits, Eagle and Hwy 99 to Rd 21, Rd 22 and Grafton, the hill at Grafton, Rd 24 and Kansas, Junction and Rd 9 going east. Haden has visited with Cowley County regarding a road that is shared to split that road more conveniently. Haden brought a contractual employee agreement for commission approval and chairman's signature. Haden continues to review roads on Dalton. Frontier and Rd 19 has been graded. Haden reviewed roads north of Cloverdale for repair. Commissioners asked Haden to review a few roads.

Virgil Shull joined the meeting to discuss the remodel on the third floor. Construction is complete on the third floor with the exception of hanging the office doors. Commissioners and Schull discussed soundproofing walls and options that are available. Commissioners request the doors be installed.

Jakob Stockton joined the meeting to discuss the possibilities of restoration of the courthouse. Stockton Restorations proposal covers a four to five year period. Stockton provided commissioners with an estimate. Commissioners will review and determine the courthouse exterior building needs.

Jeremy Hendren, Deputy Appraiser joined the meeting to discuss department business. Hendren provided a mapping contract for commission approval. No changes in contract amount. Goff Searl made a motion to approve the continued contract with Kimble Mapping in the amount of \$3,500.00 for 2015. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to go into executive session for two hours for County Counselor interviews at 9:20 a.m. to include Crystal Wade, Deputy County Clerk and HR Manager, Larry King County Counselor and applicants. Danny Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Danny Williams called the regular meeting back in session at 11:20 a.m. As a result of the executive session the commission will offer the position as County Counselor to Ruth Ritthaler.

A letter was received from Rita Rail requesting appointments for Fire District #2 for 2015. Jack Carpenter made a motion to appoint Kyle Finney, David Deal and Shane Signier for Rural Fire District #2. Goff Searl seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Crystal Wade, Deputy County Clerk and HR Manager brought the membership request to join Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) in the amount of \$1,182.76. Randall Allen will be attending a meeting after the first of the year. Goff Searl made a motion to approve the expenditure to join KAC for educational purposes. Jack Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

John Brown stopped by to discuss ADA compliance issues. Larry King, ADA Compliance Officer will gather the information and bring to commissioners at the next meeting to make the courthouse complex more accessible.

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

FUND	TOTAL
General Fund	\$36,201.09
Appraiser	\$579.91
Council on Aging	\$10,491.25
Fire District #8	\$1,862.05
Fire District #5	\$1,388.86
Election	\$4,266.00
Fire District #1	\$5,967.48
Fire District #2	\$4,648.91
Fire District #3	\$2,478.77
Fire District #4	\$796.80
Fire District #6	\$930.96
Health	\$1,953.06
Mental Health	\$7,500.00
Mental Retardation	\$5,000.00
Noxious Weed	\$17.97
Road & Bridge	\$21,275.11
Special Bridge	\$1,818.60
County 911	\$745.06
Solid Waste	\$5,284.73
Treasurer Auto	\$7.43
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$113,214.04

Larry King asked if the Commissioners wanted to appoint Crystal Wade to administer the Tax Abatement Program that is currently in place once an application is received. Commission will make that appointment when necessary.

Jack Carpenter made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.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