

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 23, 2017

Chairman Jack Carpenter called the special meeting to order on Thursday 23, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. in the commission room. This meeting was called due to extreme fire weather conditions. Commissioner Goff Searl and County Clerk, Niki Collier were present at the meeting and Commissioner Shaw attended by phone. Emergency Manager, Cody Collier; Sheriff, Richard Newby and 911 Director Larry Robinette were also present.

Cody Collier, Emergency Manager, visited with the Commission about the dry weather conditions and the growing fire concerns. Mr. Collier presented a resolution that restricts open burning on days that the National Weather Service indicates that "very high fire danger or extreme fire danger" conditions will exist during any part of the day.

Commissioner Shaw inquired as to how the County would enforce this if the Commission agreed to put it in place. Sheriff explained the resolutions is supported by K.A.R. 28-19-645 and K.S.A. 65-3005, making it an unclassified misdemeanor. And punishable by up to a \$500.00 fine and/or 30 days in jail.

Louise Goode addressed the Commission with her concerns and questions. Emergency Manager, Cody Collier and Sheriff Newby explained they were concerned with protecting the community and not implementing unnecessary fines. However the resolution allows them to enforce the burn restrictions.

Emergency Manager Collier read through the resolution for Commissioner Shaw by phone, to be sure Commissioner Shaw was well informed.

After some discussion, Commissioner Searl made a motion to adopt Chautauqua County Burning Regulations Resolution 17-02. Commissioner Jack Carpenter gave the second.

Commissioner Carpenter in person – yes
Commissioner Searl in person – yes
Commissioner Shaw by phone – yes
Motion passed 3-0

Motion from Commissioner Searl to adjourn the meeting at 11:50, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter.

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Commissioner Searl in person – yes
Commissioner Shaw by phone – yes
Motion passed 3-0.

Goff Searl, First District Commissioner

Rodney Shaw, Second District Commissioner

Jack Carpenter, Chairman, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

Niki Collier, County Clerk