

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 11, 2020

Commissioner Parker Massey called the regular meeting to order and opened with prayer on May 11, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. in the commission room of the Court House. Commissioner Jack Carpenter, Rodney Shaw, County Counselor Zoe Newton and Deputy Clerk Becky Smilko were present.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2020. Commissioner Shaw gave the second and the motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Superintendent Mark McCall provided the Road & Bridge update. Jennifer McNown presented information regarding the bridge project and the right of way acquisition. Josh Beckman of Kirkham Michael joined by phone and answered questions.

Carlin Spurlock of Solid Waste Department discussed wages. At 9:05 a.m. Commissioner Shaw made a motion for a 25-minute executive session to discuss the terms & conditions of employment regarding nonelected personnel, with Counselor Newton and Mr. Spurlock. The open meeting shall resume no later than 9:30 a.m. here in the commission room. Commissioner Massey gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. The regular meeting resumed at 9:18 a.m.

Commissioner Shaw discussed concerns regarding the pending remodeling project for District Court. Cindy Weaver joined the meeting and provided additional information.

At 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Massey made a motion for a 10-minute executive session to discuss legal matters regarding consultation with attorney-client privilege, with Counselor Newton. The open meeting shall resume no later than 10:05 a.m. here in the commission room. Commissioner Carpenter gave the second and the motion passed 3-0. The regular meeting resumed at 10:05 a.m.

The Board discussed a letter from Labette County regarding ad valorem taxes. The Board request that County Appraiser Jeremy Hendren join the meeting and asked how many oil and gas wells were in the county. Mr. Hendren stated he would return with that information.

The Board request Richard Hambleton join the meeting and discussed the possibility of him completing some of the needed work in the District Court office. Mr. Hambleton stated he could complete the work and would visit with Mrs. Weaver and Mr. Prasko for specifics.

Mr. Hendren returned and provided a report regarding oil and gas wells throughout the county. The Board further discussed concerns regarding ad valorem taxes.

Counselor Newton advised she received communication from KAC stating that they have not requested the Governor postpone property tax collection deadline because they are not authorized to make such a request due to how it would impact taxing jurisdictions.

Commissioner Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Massey, motion passed 3-0.

/s/Parker Massey

Parker Massey, Chairman, First District Commissioner

/s/Rodney Shaw

Rodney Shaw, Second District Commissioner

/s/Jack Carpenter

Jack Carpenter, Third District Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/Niki Collier

Niki Collier, County Clerk