

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2010
COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

The Cherokee County Commissioners met November 1, 2010. Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the revised minutes for October 25, 2010 as presented by Clerk Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand - Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand voted in favor and Commissioner Garner abstained because he was not present at the October 25, 2010 meeting. Commissioners Hilderbrand and Collins, and County Clerk Crystal Gatewood signed off on the documentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session for Personnel/Non Elected** for fifteen minutes with himself and Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins voted in favor. They went in at 9:47 AM and returned at 10:00 AM.

OTHER BUSINESS

Leonard Vanatta, the Supervisor for the Road and Bridge Department came before the commission to discuss general road and county maintenance with his department. He told the commission that the county is using river rock on the county roads and the cost of the river rock was quite lower than the price of the previous rock the county used. The commission thanked him for coming in.

OFFICE HEADS/ELECTED OFFICIALS

Those present were: Jason Allison, John Bullard, Betha Elliott, Wayne Elliott, Crystal Gatewood, Christy Grant, David Groves, Nancy Herrenbruck, Ralph Houser, and Juanita Hodgson.

Treasurer Juanita Hodgson reported that the mill levies were certified and prepared by the County Clerk's Office, and she is now ready to begin printing the 2010 tax statements. Treasurer Hodgson held a discussion involving the budget of the Road and Bridge Department and she reported that on paper they are over budget, but there is actual cash to cover the budget due to the FEMA payments in the department budget. She also discussed the line item the commissioners had set up for new machinery with a transfer from the 2009 budget and reported the \$225,100.00 is still available and has not been used. Treasurer Hodgson also had spoken with Auditor Gene Mense about those funds and explained the options he had explained to her and that it was now up to the commission how they want to use this money.

County Clerk Gatewood reminded everyone that November 1, 2010, at 12:00 PM, the open voting would close at the Cherokee County Courthouse and that all Advanced Ballots had to be at the County Clerk's Office by 7:00 PM on November 2, 2010 to be counted. Commissioner Hilderbrand and the clerk held a discussion on a voucher turned in by the clerk.

Sheriff David Groves reported that there are 73 inmates at this time and he turned in a budget report.

Betha Elliott, the Supervisor of the Cherokee County Health Department reported they had given 1200 Flu shots in the county already, and the availability of the Flu vaccine is good.

Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Allison said he is getting information on a grant for storm sirens with the county; it would cost the county a 75% match of money. The commission thanked him and asked him to bring the information when he gets more so they can look it over.

Commissioner Hilderbrand asked all present if they had looked over his revised pay scale that he had sent e-mail to everyone. Most had, but they had not had time to really study the information. A discussion involving job classification and level was discussed, but no decisions were made. Commissioner Hilderbrand would like to have the pay scale in place before the end of the year. It was concluded that those present would meet again on December 6, 2010 to discuss it more and hopefully make a decision on the pay scale.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Garner made a motion to amend the agenda for adjournment at 12:00 PM to 11:54 AM and adjourn for the day. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission Meeting will be held November 5, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse for the November Election Canvassing.

Resolved and ordered this day November 8, 2010


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner