

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2011
COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

The Cherokee County Commissioners met September 12, 2011. Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the minutes for August 29, 2011 as submitted; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand and Garner, and County Clerk Crystal Gatewood signed off on the approved minutes. Commissioner Garner signed off on paperwork for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the Sewer District and the Jail's Food Service Contract. These papers were brought in by Betha Elliott of the Health Department, Sean Turner of the Sewer District, and Sheriff Groves of the Sheriff's Office. Treasurer Juanita Hodgson came before the commission to let them know the County Treasurer's Office will close at 12:30 PM so she and her staff can attend the funeral of one of her staff's family members scheduled for today September 12, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was requested by Gene Langerot and Leonard Vanatta for Personnel/Non-Elected: Commissioner Collins made the motion to go into Executive Session for five minutes for Personnel/Non-Elected with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, also including Gene Langerot and Leonard Vanatta of the County Lot; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. They went in at 9:26 AM and returned at 9:31 AM.

MOTIONS MADE BY COMMISSION

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to charge the city of Columbus for the Dispatching Services provided by the county; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. The motion was due to the City of Columbus charging the county for water and sewer monthly. The commission stated that no official from the City of Columbus had discussed the new charges before they were put in place. Commissioner Collins stated that over the years the city has not charged for these utilities because they had an agreement with the city for dispatch services and they would not charge the county for the utilities. Commissioner Hilderbrand had spoken with Mayor Nepple and she felt the county should not be charged. The commission discussed that no matter what, the Fair Grounds, Girl Scout House, Rodeo Grounds, and the ball field would have water and sewer. The motion that was approved 8 to 2 by the City Council of Columbus was to charge sewer and water services for the Health Department, Courthouse, County Lot and other buildings and property the county has. The only county owned building not being charged is the Law Enforcement Center.

Commissioner Garner made a motion to reconsider and bring Resolution #13-2011 and #14-2011 for further review by the commission to study further; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. Resolution #13-2011 and #14-2011 were approved on August 29, 2011 but later requested by Commissioner Garner not to publish until further review.

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Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess for lunch; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins voting in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve and pay September 2011 mid-month Accounts Payables; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand, and Garner voting in favor. Those signing off on the documentation were Commissioners Hilderbrand, Garner, Collins, and Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood.

AGENDA BUSINESS

Leonard Vanatta and Gene Langerot of the Road and Bridge Department submitted to the commission a copy of rock and other road material prices for the commission to look over. The County Lot 2012 Budget proposal was not discussed. The commission discussed upcoming projects and general county machinery and county maintenance with Langerot and Vanatta.

The following Elected Officials and Appointed Office Heads came before the commission to discuss their 2012 Budget Proposals -


County Sheriff David Groves, County Clerk Crystal Gatewood, County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson, County Attorney John Bullard, Register of Deeds Christy Grant, Wayne Elliott of 911 Mapping, Betha Elliott of the Health Department, Jason Allison of Emergency Preparedness, County Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck, Human Resource Deana Randall, and Janice Sandberg of the Cherokee County Courthouse.

The commissioners discussed their budgets with each Elected Official and Department Head and said they would consider their proposals and thanked each one for coming in. It is duly noted some of the Elected Officials and Department Heads were concerned over Resolution #13-2011 and #14-2011 because of the effects on their budgets this year and in 2012.

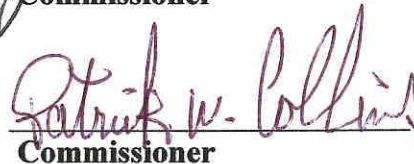
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 1:35 PM for the day; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held September 19, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

Resolved and ordered this day, September 19, 2011


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner