

MINUTES FOR MARCH 24, 2014
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Commissioner Hilderbrand called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 AM on Monday, March 24, 2014 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Charles Napier, Pat Collins, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Machel Smith, and Shawnda Qualls

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of 10 minutes. Those present included the Board, Gene Langerot, Leonard Vanatta, Tammie Speer, and Deana Randall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 9:22 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:38 AM.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor
Gene Langerot - County Lot Supervisor

They appeared on routine county road business.

Leonard reported that the Quapaw Tribe is bringing in 40 more wild buffalo down by Downstream Casino. They will be located on the Kansas side near Grove Road. The Tribe is doing culvert work in the area to handle the semi traffic bringing them in.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2014 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Payroll for the month of March, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

There was a five minute recess at 10:10 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 10:15 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Accounts Payables for the month of March, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

RA

Tom Webber appeared before the Board requesting their approval for an increase in acreage of the C&D Landfill located at 9744 SE Wyandotte Road. It is currently permitted for 4.6 acres and he would like it increased to 20 acres. He is not the current owner, but is wanting to purchase the property if the Board would grant the increase. The Board asked that he seek the approval of the neighbors before they would consider the increase.

The Board left the Commission Room at 10:30 AM, to tour the County Health Department as scheduled.

The Board returned to the Commission Room at 11:15 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of seven minutes. Those present include the Board and Ralph Houser. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:22 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:29 AM.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

David Groves - Cherokee County Sheriff
Jim Haney - AAA

Jim Haney of AAA appeared before the Board to present Sheriff Groves and the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department with the 2013 AAA Kansas Community Traffic Safety Award. This is the third year in a row that Cherokee County has won an award. The awards are given to communities that demonstrate an effort to address local traffic safety concerns. Cherokee County is awarded the platinum level award, the highest rating that can be achieved.

Kevin Cure - County Counselor

He appeared before the Board regarding legal matters concerning Cherokee County.

Commissioner Hilderbrand asked Kevin to look at drafting language for the personnel handbook that would limit or restrict the use of social media, etc. during office hours.

Kevin stated that he will arrange a meeting with the Board, the Johnson's, and KDHE Mine Reclamation officials. A tentative date was set for April 28, 2014 at 11:00 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter into an Executive Session with the Board and Kevin for Non/Elected Personnel for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 12:10 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 12:20 PM.

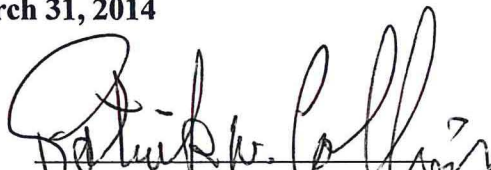
No action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

RH


Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for March 31, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 12:26 PM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, March 31, 2014


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

Cherokee County PLATINUM Award

- Commissioners Collins, Napier and Hilderbrand...it's a pleasure to be here to present the Cherokee County Sheriff Department with its third AAA Kansas Community Traffic Safety Award, for the year 2013. The award program has been in place in Kansas for three years also, and the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department has qualified for an award each year.
- The award's purpose is to encourage communities to address local traffic safety issues in a coordinated and cost-effective way.
- Communities are scored by their efforts, among other things, on its participation in the highly successful Kansas teen seatbelt usage program, called SAFE; --and the utilization of other traffic safety enforcement, education and engineering.
 - In Enforcement...CIOT, You Drink-You Drive-You Lose and their Thanksgiving Holiday Enforcement Effort. They are recognized for their geo-mapping of Cherokee County Traffic Crashes.
 - In Engineering...their Speed Limit Reduction & 4-Way Stop efforts erected on Quaker Rd.
 - In Education...the School Safety Day at Galena H.S.; their traffic safety education at Riverton Elementary Family Night; pedestrian safety education at Weir Elementary, just to name a few.
- Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Awards are given to communities based on their efforts to improve local traffic safety. ~~_____~~
~~_____~~...they are being awarded the highest achievement award, the PLATINUM Award, for demonstrating OUTSTANDING efforts in addressing local traffic safety issues.
- Proof of their "outstanding" efforts is in the results:
 - SAFE program seat belt use at the schools in Cherokee County have gone from 74% to 81% in just three years.
 - During that same time frame, CIOT citations went from 20 ~~74~~ to 102.
 - And Alcohol arrests have gone from 25 to 55
 - Accordingly, teen crashes for 14-18 year old drivers dropped from 45 to 27 over four years.
 - Vehicle Occupant injuries for the same periods dropped from 120 to 92
 - Although fatalities have been averaging about 4 a year, if it weren't for the Sheriff Department work at enforcement, education, and traffic safety engineering improvements, I'm quite confident there would have been more. Clearly, this is one of the top Sheriff Departments in Kansas of ANY size in best practices & doing the right things to keep your citizens as safe as possible.
- So I first want to congratulate each of you...Commissioners, for your support of the fine job here in Cherokee County that your Sheriff Dept. does in traffic safety work.
- ...and it's a great pleasure, to present Sheriff David Groves and the men & women of the Cherokee County Sheriff Department, with the 2013 AAA Kansas Community Traffic Safety PLATINUM Award. Congratulations, Gentlemen!

THANK KDOT's Dave Corp for helping us with this program --