

MINUTES FOR MAY 3, 2010
COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

The Cherokee County Commissioners met May 3, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hilderbrand and those present were Commissioners Collins and Garner. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. County Clerk Crystal Gatewood submitted the minutes for April 26, 2010, Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the minutes, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all voted in favor.

COMMISSIONERS COLLINS, HILDERBRAND, AND GARNER SIGNED OFF ON AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING

VOUCHER #5359 - FOR \$360.00 TO GENE MENSE, THE COUNTY AUDITOR - (FEES FOR THE PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE THE UNENCUMBERED CASH BALANCE FOR 2009 FOR THE ROAD & BRIDGE FUND TO BE MOVED BY THE COMMISSION TO 2010 BUDGET TO PURCHASE DUMP TRUCKS BY THE COMMISSION)

CHEROKEE COUNTY CLERK CRYSTAL GATEWOOD AND COMMISSIONER HILDERBRAND SIGNED OFF ON PROJECT #09-PF-923 - DRAWDOWN FOR THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER GRANT FUND (DRAWDOWN #5 - AMOUNT TO BE PAID OUT - \$33,352.00)

COMMISSIONER HILDERBRAND SIGNED OFF ON A ONE YEAR CONTRACT WITH INFINITEC FOR MAINTENENCE ON THE AS 400.

MOTIONS

Commissioner Collins made a motion according to K.S.A.-1606 to appoint Kathryn Howell as Treasurer for the Shawnee Township because of the death of Betty J. Graves on Thursday, December 17, 2009. Kathryn Howell will fill the unexpired term of Betty J. Graves, and will be allowed to have all duties relegated to her according to the statutes of the State of Kansas, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all voted in favor.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to pay the utility bills for the Elderly Fund out of Courthouse Fund #100 - 30080/00, Line Item # 30080/81, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all voted in favor.

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Commissioner Garner made a motion to recess for lunch, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ray Ryan of Ryan Insurance in Pittsburg, Kansas came before the commission to discuss what his company could offer Cherokee County regarding property and liability coverage for the county. He focused upon a fully insured plan for the county rather than a pool that the county participates in. The commission agreed to let him work up a plan and estimate, he is to contact County Clerk Gatewood for the information he needs to work up a plan. The commissioners thanked him for coming and looked forward to his proposal.

John Epler came before the commission to discuss maintenance on county roads in his area near Hallowell, the commission agreed to refer the matter over to Road & Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel for ten minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, County Lot Supervisor Gene Langerot, and Leonard Vanatta, Road & Bridge Supervisor, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all voted in favor. They went in at 10:04 AM and returned at 10:15 AM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Jason Allison of Emergency Preparedness reported he is still working on the Reverse 911 Grant and the storm sirens have been installed and should be tested next week. The NSP Grant work is continuing and Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood and Commissioner Hilderbrand signed off on the NSP Grant paperwork needed. Jason also reported the website for the Emergency Preparedness sight is on line at www.cherokeecountyksem.org

County Attorney John Bullard reported things are business as usual.

Betha Elliott of the Cherokee County Health Department reported that Cherokee County was well represented by three individuals at the Public Health Summit in Southwestern Missouri. KDHE was here in Cherokee County to inspect WIC services in the county. The state of Kansas does this every two years. She also reported that they gave Cherokee County a great report.

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Sheriff David Groves reported that his office had 124 cases in April. They have 39 inmates at this time. He also reported his department received an E-911 Grant and a KDOT Grant. The officers completed their qualifications for firearms at the Baxter Springs Range.

Cherokee County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson reported her office has been very busy and second half taxes are due into the county on May 10, 2010. She also discussed the new tags as well as the personalized tags available.

Cherokee County Register of Deeds Christy Grant reported her office is very busy and everything is going well with the new employee. She reported that they have been doing a large number of passports to individuals in the county.

Supervisor Leonard Vanatta of Road & Bridge and Gene Langerot of the County Lot reported they have been doing general road maintenance in the county. The commission will open bids on May 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM for the three companies they sent letters to regarding the cement work at the Cherokee County Law Enforcement Center.

Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood reported she and Deputy Clerk Paula Cheney would be attending the State of Kansas Clerks and Election Meeting in Topeka this week. Human Resource Clerk Deana Randall and County Clerk Gatewood will be attending a Wage and Hour Seminar in Pittsburg, Kansas on the 13th of May regarding interpreting the standards and the legalities of Kansas and Federal work requirements. County Clerk Gatewood and Clerk Susan Jones will be attending an abstract update workshop on May 26, 2010 in Topeka, Kansas being put on by Infinitec. She also reported all reports and documents are completed and correct for the April 2010 City Elections.

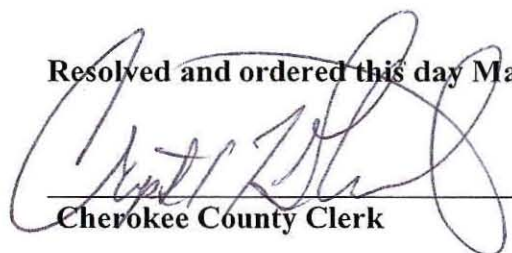
Cherokee County Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck reported they were finishing up the hearings and she reported the county only had 90 this year. They are still doing sales verifications and her office has been busy.

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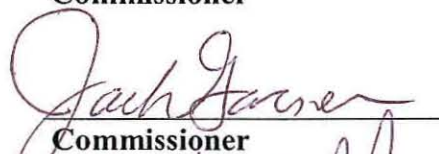
ADJOURMENT

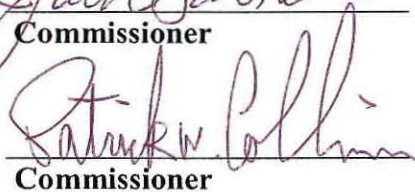
Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held May 10, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

Resolved and ordered this day May 10, 2010


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


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