

MINUTES FOR JULY 13, 2015
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, July 13, 2015 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Charles Napier, and Pat Collins were present. County Clerk Rodney Edmondson was absent. Susan Jones from the County Clerk's Office was present for the purpose of taking the minutes.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Machel Smith, Jordan Zabel

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of the BOCC Meeting for July 6, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hilderbrand stated that he received a call from Mr. Isaac Brown, Director of Senior Services for Southeast Kansas. He has also spoken with John Green and several other citizens in the county who do not support the Meals on Wheels program presented by Mr. Paul Rogers in last week's meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to continue supporting the current Meals on Wheels program for Senior Citizens, but does not recommend any action to endorse any changes as presented by Mr. Rogers to the program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. Commissioner Napier as a no vote. The motion carried 2-1.

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

They appeared before the Board on routine county road business. Mr. J. W. Stephenson came to discuss an issue concerning the pending new bridge on SE Quaker Rd. between 40th and 50th streets. He is supposed to present a letter of agreement about water line easements, and thinks that the Rural Water District No. 2 board will not sign off on the letter. The Board told Mr. Stephenson that he could lay the water line just inside the county's easement, at a depth of 4 feet, as long as he also maintains it. Mr. Stephenson wants a copy of these approved minutes to present to the Rural Water District No. 2 Board, and thinks they will be satisfied with this decision.

Commissioner Collins also talked to Leonard and Gene about two dead trees in the Riverton area that are threatening to fall down. One would fall across a road and the other on a lot owned by the county that is leased to Mrs. Savage. Commissioner Collins will speak with Jason about getting the City of Galena to loan their bucket truck to help out the County Lot personnel with the tree removal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Mid-Month Accounts Payables for the month of July, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hilderbrand requested a 10 minute recess at 9:32 AM, and the meeting reconvened at 9:42 AM.

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Galen Zook - County Fair Board

Mr. Zook appeared before the board at the request of Clerk Edmondson. He stated that he does not have any figures for the 2016 Fair Budget because the 2015 Fair has not happened yet. However, he feels that the \$12,000 that the Fair got from the county for this year will be adequate for next year as well. He will come back on August 31, 2015 to present his budget to the Board, as this year's fair is the first week in August and he and his board will have a better perspective by then. He also told the Board that there will not be no poultry at either the County or State Fair this year. And he also invited the Board to attend an Appreciation Dinner on July 29th at 12 noon in the Fair Office. And finally he asked for assistance from the county lot in setting up prior to the fair. The Board told him to call Leonard at the county lot, and they have no problem with the request.

Commissioner Hilderbrand announced that Nathan Coleman won't be able to attend his 11:00 AM agenda appointment due to other business.

Sheriff David Groves Undersheriff Terry Clugston

They came before the Board to present a few modifications to the Personnel Handbook as they have been working with the other Department Heads and they were asked to present the requested changes. The first is to include son-in-law and daughter-in-law in the bereavement time off. The second is to be left to each Department Head's discretion and approval on the selling back of vacation time. The third is to have in writing that an employee has to exhaust all accrued sick and vacation leave before another employee can transfer any sick leave to that employee. And fourth, they are requesting that personal leave be able to be broken down into half hour increments instead of one hour increment. David said that he has passed this by Nathan Coleman, and that all Department Heads agree. The Board wants it specified in writing that the selling back of vacation time is strictly at the discretion of each individual Department Head, otherwise were in full agreement with the changes. The final draft of the Personnel Handbook will be brought before the Board for review sometime in August.

David also presented paperwork from his office showing price quotes for the purchase of three new Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles for their fleet. This is part of the annual fleet rotation plan that his office presented to the Board in the past. They plan on using Carpino Ford this time as they are trying to rotate between working with the various area dealerships. They also explained that all of their fleet is serviced by the county lot personnel, unless there is a more urgent need for work to be done by the dealer. Delivery of these three vehicles is expected in eight weeks. A copy of the price quotes paperwork was given to the County Clerk.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to purchase three new patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

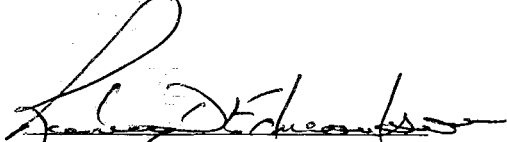
Terry also updated the Board on the repeater and radio repairs that were paid out of the 911 Fund.

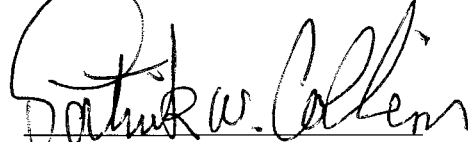
Brian Hillier - Meritain Health Insurance

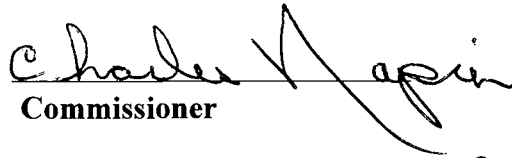
He came before the Board to give a six month review of the county's medical plan. He also stated that the Aetna network has expanded to include more Freeman facilities as well as some Mercy facilities, which includes Maude-Norton Hospital in Columbus. He went into greater detail with the county's Health Committee after the Commissioner Meeting ended. A copy of the review pamphlet was given to the County Clerk.

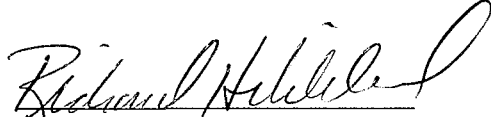
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for July 20, 2015 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:52 AM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 20th day of July, 2015


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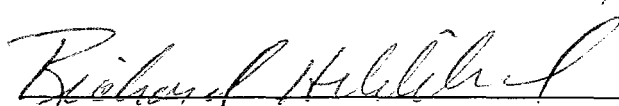
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Dear Ms. Bunte,

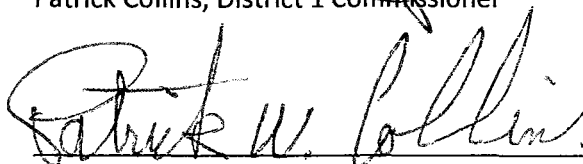
On behalf of Cherokee County, Kansas, the Board of County Commissioners discussed and desires to be included in the EPA Ozone Advance Program. By participating in the program we recognize the importance of seeking to preserve and improve the air quality in the identified Four States region. Furthermore, we delegate Carl Hayes, Cherokee County Environmentalist to represent Cherokee County, Kansas in all efforts of the Four States Clean Air Alliance and the EPA Ozone Advance Program.

Respectfully,

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners


Chairman Richard Hilderbrand, District 3 Commissioner


Patrick Collins, District 1 Commissioner


Charles Napier, District 2 Commissioner

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2015 Vehicle Purchase Proposal

This proposal is for the purchase of three (3) 2016 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicle's from Mike Carpino Ford in Columbus. **The cost per vehicle is \$29,888.00.**

The Ford Interceptor SUV is the police use package and includes the 3.7L V6 engine and 6 speed transmission.

GSA Price Comparison:

Vehicle Type:	Ford	General Motors	Dodge
Utility	\$29,187.00	\$30,000.00*	\$29,182.00

*Estimate -- vehicle not currently available

