

**MINUTES FOR JANUARY 4, 2010**  
**COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**  
**CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee County Commission met January 4, 2010 in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Collins called the meeting to order and those present were Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand. Commissioner Garner made a motion to pass the minutes from December 28, 2009 as presented by Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand and all voted in favor.

**VOUCHERS APPROVED AND SIGNED BY COMMISSIONERS GARNER,  
COLLINS, AND HILDERBRAND**

**VOUCHER #5880 - KAC-2010 - SUBSCRIPTION TO LOCAL ROAD ENGINEER  
SERVICE - \$350.00 - ROAD & BRIDGE**

**VOUCHER #5858 - LOCKWOOD (MAINTENANCE FORMS) - \$361.45  
COUNTY TREASURER**

**VOUCHER #5832 - CARPINO FORD - (2002 TRAILBLAZER) \$1,333.45 -  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

**VOUCHER #5856 - KWORC - (PREMIUM FOR JANUARY 1, 2010 - JANUARY  
1, 2011. - \$137,788.00 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS #260**

**VOUCHER #9788 - SE KANSAS REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER  
- \$8,863.10 - JUVENILE FUND**

**VOUCHER #5086 - DEMPSTER INDUSTRIES - (RECYCLING TRAILER) -  
\$13,831.00 - LANDFILL FUND**

**VOUCHER #2929 - MODERN COPY SYSTEMS - \$840.00 - APPRAISERS  
OFFICE**

**VOUCHER #5874 - CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK - (M-100'S) - \$5,640.00 -  
ELECTION**

**VOUCHER #2930 - PRO CT - COMPUTER WORK - \$332.50 - APPRAISER'S  
OFFICE**

**VOUCHER #5831 - PRO CT - COMPUTER WORK - \$445.00 - COUNTY CLERK**

**VOUCHER #2932 - ORION SYSTEM LICENSE - \$4,437.00 - APPRAISER'S OFFICE**

**VOUCHER #5877 - 2010 KAC MEMBERSHIP DUES - \$3,555.79 - COURTHOUSE**

**VOUCHER #5879 - KCAMP POOL CONTRIBUTION JANUARY 1, 2010 - JANUARY 1, 2011. - \$184,951.00 - LINE ITEM 260 - BENEFITS**

**VOUCHER #63701 - HATFIELD CHEVROLET - F-350 - \$23,894.00 - TO BE TAKEN OUT OF ROAD & BRIDGE - THE COMMISSIONERS HAD THE CLERK ISSUE AN EARLY CHECK FOR THIS PURCHASE GIVEN TO GENE LANGEROT**

**VOUCHER #9052 - ELECTRICAL TRAINING (COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR) - \$980.00 - COURTHOUSE**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session** for ten minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, Leonard Vanatta, and Gene Langerot for Personnel Reasons, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They went in at 9:29 AM and returned at 9:43 AM.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session** for five minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, County Attorney John Bullard, and Sheriff David Groves for Attorney/Client Privilege, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They went in at 11:24 AM and returned at 11:29 AM.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session** for fifteen minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and County Counselor Kevin Cure for Attorney/Client Privilege, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They went in at 1:48 PM and returned at 2:05 PM.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into **Executive Session** for twenty minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Collins, and County Counselor Kevin Cure for Attorney/Client Privilege in regards to the Transient Tax, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They went in at 2:58 PM and returned at 3:24 PM.



## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Machelle Smith, representing the Galena Sentinel Times, gave a presentation to the commission asking the commissioners to consider for 2010 making the Galena Sentinel Times the official newspaper for Cherokee County. She presented to the commission the lower costs of advertising, circulation numbers of subscribers in the county, and noted that paper machines are located in all major cities in Cherokee County. The commission thanked her for her presentation. It was noted by Chairman Collins that Christy Grant supported having the Galena Sentinel Times as the official paper.

Carl Hayes, Environmental Specialist for Cherokee County, came before the commission to have a voucher signed for the recycling trailer which will be used in different areas of the county so all citizens can have access. All three commissioners signed off on his voucher for Dempster Industries to purchase the trailer.

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

## **COUNTY DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**Cherokee County Register of Deeds Christy Grant** reported that real estate in Galena was selling and they have been working on many mortgages.

**Cherokee County Attorney John Bullard** reported that everything is going well and they are catching up on work after the holidays.

**Cherokee County Sheriff David Groves** reported that the department handled 1,341 arrests and accidents for the 2009 calendar year.

**Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood** reported her office received an A+ rating from the Kansas Department of Revenue and PVD for all county abstracts and budget forms for 2009 submitted. Homestead forms will only be available on line this year and if the public needs help filling out the forms, her office has completed all training and will help anyone who needs assistance in the county. She also reported that Cherokee County received a HAVA Grant for voting equipment for the county.

**Cherokee County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson** reported that everything is going well and her office was catching up on the mail. She also gave an update on personalized vehicle tags across the state and many citizens had the same personalization tag in different counties. The new law requires only one person in the state can have the personalization and it is basically first come first serve.

**Cherokee County Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Allison** distributed an updated long-term weather forecast and winter preparedness guide.

**Cherokee County Health Department Director Betha Elliott** said H1N1 vaccines are available to the public and they would be finishing up the schools in the next few weeks. The commissioners asked Betha to set up vaccinations for county employees at the County Lot, Jail, and the County Courthouse. She said she would get the planning started.

**Cherokee County Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck** reported that her office was almost done with the 2010 housing values in the county.

**Wayne Elliott of 911 Mapping** reported everything is going well in his office.

All the Department Heads thanked Ralph Houser for his hard work in clearing the snow away at the courthouse.

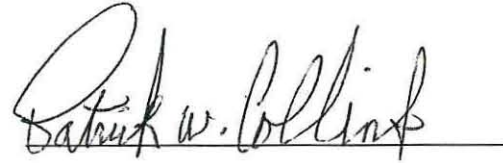
**Supervisor of Road & Bridge Leonard Vanatta and County Lot Supervisor Gene Langerot** reported that the county workers have been busy clearing snow and ice from the county roads. The county has used two-thirds of its road cinders for the recent storms. They also brought a voucher to purchase a 2006 Ford F-350 for \$23,894.00 and it is noted they received an early check and the commissioners signed off. They also discussed getting bids for cinder trucks with snow plows, and Commissioner Garner agreed the package could be cheaper by using a package deal with the cinder trucks with snow plows. Gene Langerot reported that the current trucks are old and they had been used by the state before the county had got them.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

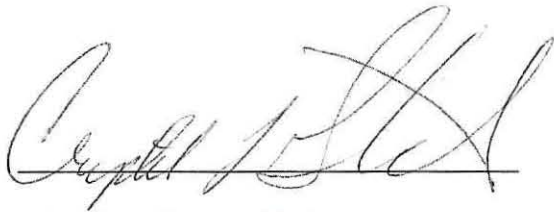
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held January 11, 2010 in the Cherokee County Courthouse at 9:00 AM.

Resolved and ordered this day:

11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010

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Commissioner

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cheryl S. Hill", written over a horizontal line.

Cherokee County Clerk

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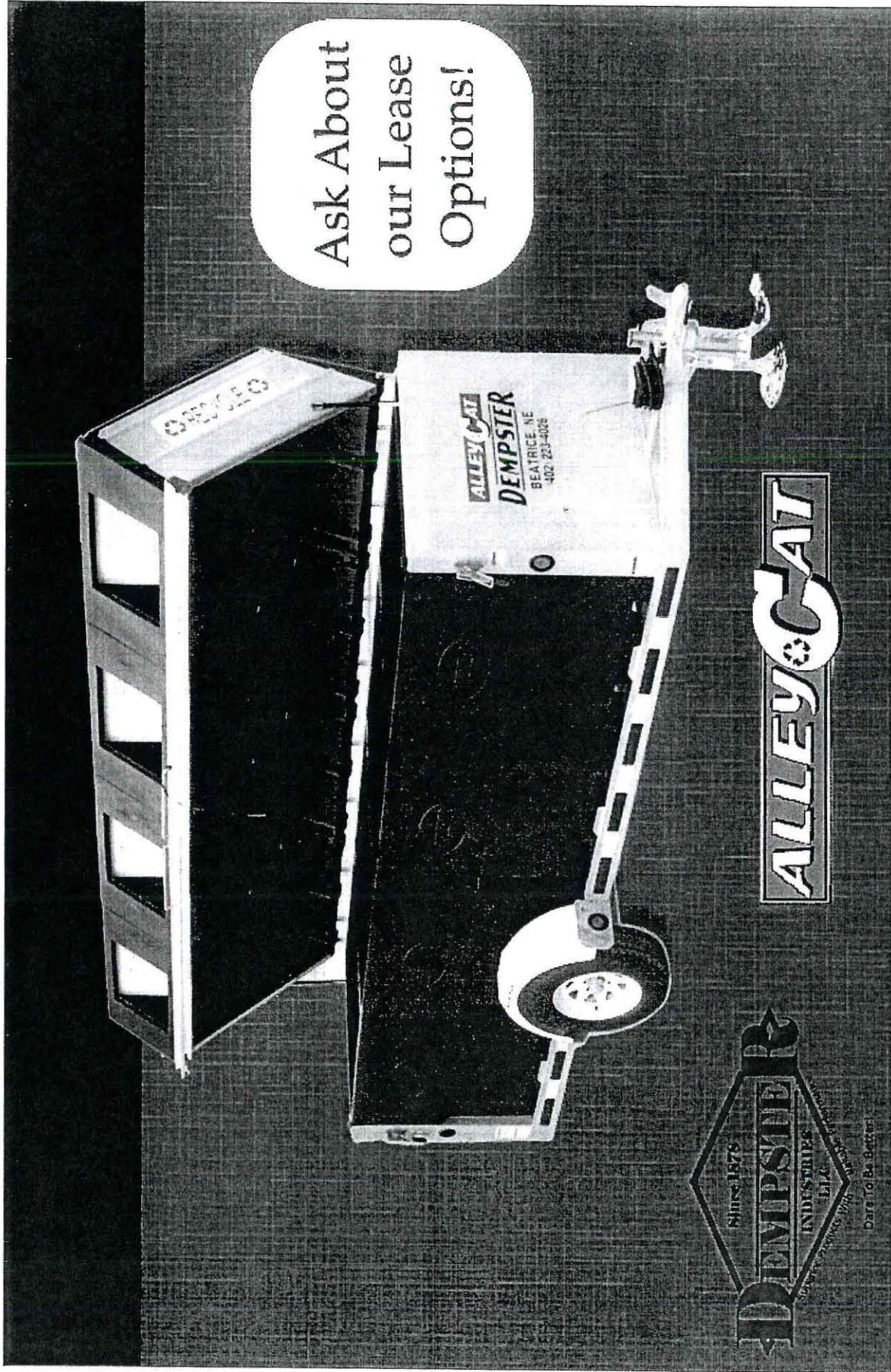
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Commissioner









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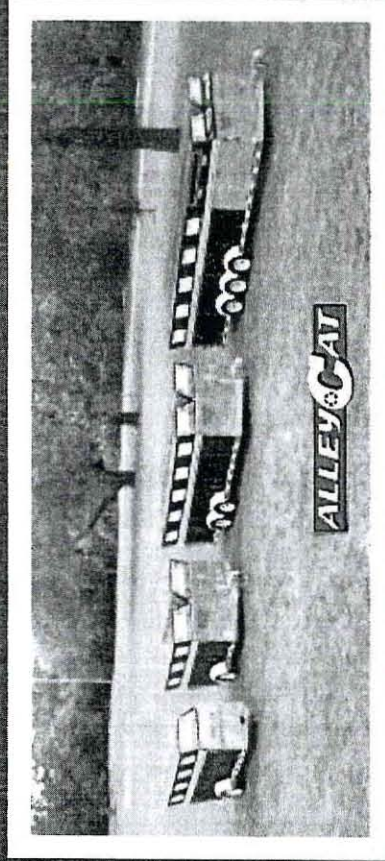
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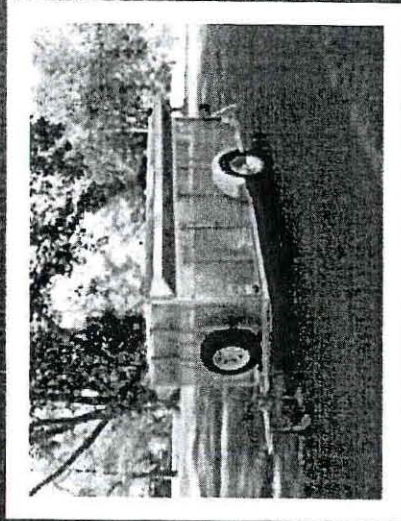
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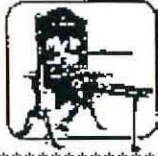
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Dear Mr. Jack Garner, Mr. Patrick Collins and Mr. Richard Hilderbrand:

As it is once again time for the assignment of the Official County Paper designation. We here at the Galena Sentinel-Times would like to update you on what we have to offer.

1. We are the only paper in the County to offer continuous coverage of the County Commission meetings.
2. We have two outside boxes in Columbus, Maple Uncommon and Apple Market.
3. We have two outside boxes and two inside racks in Baxter Springs, Marvin's IGA; Baxter Foods; Café on the Route; and Weston's Café.
4. We throw an additional 1,000 papers in the city of Baxter Springs once a month.
5. We currently throw previous issues of the paper at random locations within Cherokee County.
6. We currently cover more of the local county news.
7. We are a member of the Kansas Press Association.
8. We have increased our county-wide subscriptions
9. We currently offer the lowest rates in the County for advertising.
10. We offer the lowest subscription rate and single issue price, within the County.
11. We have been locally owned for over 30 years, by the present owner - dedicated to Galena and Cherokee County.
12. We take pride in producing a quality printed newspaper, quality color, and quality pictures, whether black and white or color.
13. We don't charge for birth or obituaries announcements - we feel we owe our readers that privilege.
14. We deliver our newspaper via the newstand and through the U.S. Postal Service, for well over 30 years.
15. Front page notices are always free. Take Note Section. Four State Calendar.

We would like to thank you for your time and consideration for designation as the Official County Paper.

*Macchell Smith, Publication Manager*  
*David J. Nelson, owner, Publisher*