

**MINUTES FOR MAY 14, 2018**  
**BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 14, 2018 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Neal Anderson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt

William Asher appeared before the Board regarding the condition of Oakland Ln. that is not being graded by the county. He has purchased property on it and the title company is telling him that it's a county road. The county lot states that it's not a county road and he would like to know the truth. The Board will get with Leonard Vanatta and Counselor Wright to research it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor, appeared before the Board on routine county road business. Haskell Tedlock appeared before the Board regarding the condition of the roads in his area. He lives ¼ mile north of Clem Rd. on SW 70<sup>th</sup> St. He stated that it needs to be graded more effectively. Connie Tyree of 7320 SE Eldon Rd. appeared regarding the condition of Eldon Rd. She stated that it has cave-ins, pot holes, and wrinkles in several areas. The Board stated that they would look at both areas.

Scott Thompson, President/CEO of CLASS LTD, appeared before the Board to present their 2019 budget request for funding. They are asking for \$111,457 in funding which is the same as in the previous six years. CLASS provides services for an average of 64 persons. The Board took the request under advisement.

Chairman Moates presented a request from the Health Department to purchase two new dell laptops with WIC funds. The Board approved the purchase.

Counselor Wright informed the Board that the sale last Monday of county owned real property brought in approximately \$15,000 and the sale of personal property brought in approximately \$1,500.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to pay Jack Garner \$500 for his auction services for the sale of county property held last week. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Moates presented the agreement with Century Link for the 5<sup>th</sup> St. Project in Baxter Springs. The Board signed the agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to recess for 10 minutes to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:50 a.m.

Chairman Moates read an invitation from the Veteran’s Memorial Committee to attend the dedication ceremony to be held on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. on the courthouse lawn.

At 10:05 a.m. Clerk Edmondson opened and read the sealed bids for providing commodities for the Highway Department. Commissioner Collins asked that Leonard and Louis take the bids under advisement and bring in a recommendation at a later time. The Board agreed.

Counselor Wright presented the draft resolution in support of the designation of Highway Route 66 as a National Historic Trail for a second read.

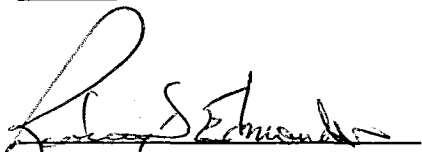
A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to adopt Resolution 15-2018 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Counselor Wright informed the Board that her current two year contract expires June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Board asked her to prepare a new two year contract for them to review.

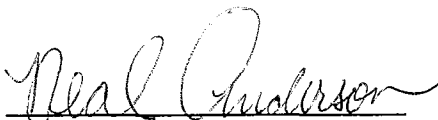
Commissioner Collins asked for a moment of silence to recognize the two individuals from Germany that were lost in a traffic accident last week while here as our guests. The Board recognized a moment of silence in their honor.

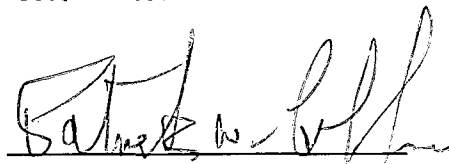
Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, May 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:52 a.m.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 15-2018**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS, IN SUPPORT OF THE DESIGNATION OF  
HIGHWAY ROUTE 66 AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE  
COUNTY, KANSAS:**

WHEREAS, Route 66 was designated in the 1920s as America's Mother Road linking the heartland with the Pacific Ocean, bringing millions of travelers to the many communities along its route thereby creating a significant economic engine from Chicago to Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, upon the replacement of Route 66 by the Interstate Highway System, which led to decommissioning in 1985, the local businesses along the Route that had thrived on providing services to the Route 66 travelers experienced economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, Route 66 has become an iconic symbol of Americans' search for freedom, adventure and prosperity and annually brings travelers from around the world who use it to discover America; and

WHEREAS, Congress recognized the importance of the road by establishing the National Park Service's Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program in the National Trails Office in 1999 to foster preservation, economic development and marketing through matching grants, which have resulted in more than \$4 million in historic preservation investment; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program will sunset in 2019, which would result in the lack of a Federally designated organization to coordinate, fund and support mutually beneficial activities on Route 66; and

WHEREAS, the Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership, a collaborative not-for-profit organization, was established to create a national coordinating structure, support and promotion of the idea to designate Route 66 as a National Historic Trail as the best means for ensuring a Federal-level focus on Route 66.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, supports Congressional designation of Route 66 as a National Historic Trail.

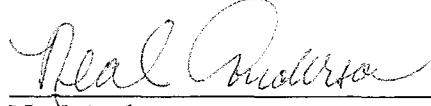
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions, County policies or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

**PASSED and APPROVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee

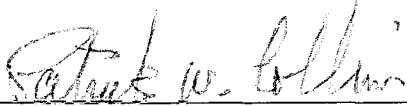
County, Kansas, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.



Cory Moates, Chairman  
Cherokee County Commissioner

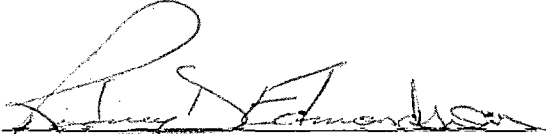


Neal Anderson  
Cherokee County Commissioner



Patrick Collins  
Cherokee County Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Rodney D. Edmondson, County Clerk

(Seal)



ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ALONG LIFE'S JOURNEY

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## **Funding Request to Cherokee County Commission for 2019**

CLASS LTD is a provider of home and community-based services to Cherokee County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). We are very appreciative of the years of support which have been provided by Cherokee County to assist us with serving these individuals. For calendar year 2019 we are again requesting the County Commission to allocate mill levy funding to assist us in our continuing mission to serve citizens of the county. CLASS LTD is requesting that funding remain at the same level which has been provided for the past six years.

CLASS LTD has been providing services to residents of Cherokee County with disabilities for more than 40 years, having incorporated in 1975. CLASS maintains its administrative office as well as a service center for clients in Columbus. We also operate three residential sites within the City of Columbus. These residences provide housing for 14 individuals. As of April 2018, twenty-four individuals received day supports from CLASS LTD. These services are designed to assist an individual in maintaining or increasing their adaptive capabilities, productivity, independence, and participation in the community. We also provide case management services to approximately 60 persons which is intended to assist in identifying and obtaining services and supports needed, including individuals who may be on a waiting list for services. For the period of July 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, CLASS LTD averaged serving 49 adults and 15 children each month. This is an  
rease of approximately 5 percent over the previous year.

# 111,457

### **Overview of Funding Available for Those with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities**

The majority of all I/DD services are paid for from Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver funding administered by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). This funding is for direct services to individuals and includes state funding matched with federal Medicaid funding. To receive HCBS funding, an individual must first be determined eligible by the local Community Developmental Disability Organization (CDDO). Unfortunately, meeting eligibility requirements does not guarantee that services will begin immediately as there is a waiting list for Kansans awaiting services. It is believed that presently there are more than 3,000 individuals on the statewide waiting list.

Local mill levy funding allowed by Kansas statutes supplements the amount of state and federal funding for services to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This funding is very beneficial to the overall service network as it can help cover increased costs of doing business, especially during times when reimbursement rates may be stagnant or increase at less than the cost of inflation.

CLASS LTD is very appreciative of the long-standing commitment which the Cherokee County Commission has made to assisting with funding of disability services for citizens of Cherokee County. This support has helped us in our mission to see that individuals have an opportunity to grow in independence, gain important life skills, and live successful lives integrated into their communities. A continued partnership with the County Commission will allow us to sustain these positive outcomes and achieve new successes in the future.

### **Impact of County Mill Money:**

Funds received from Cherokee County can be leveraged to allow CLASS LTD to provide:

- Funding for persons who have a disability but do not meet the state's eligibility criteria or are on a waiting list for services
- Match for local, state and federal grants
- Maintenance and improvement of facilities and infrastructure such as information technology and software
- Funding for client transportation
- A competitive wage structure and benefits package for staff dedicated to serving those with disabilities

### **CLASS LTD's Commitment to Cherokee County Commission:**

- Maintain full licensure by Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS).
- Serve or arrange to serve Cherokee County citizens with developmental disabilities when funding is available or to the extent possible without funding.
- Provide services according to individualized lifestyle choices to the extent possible.
- Provide family members (including siblings) of persons with developmental disabilities the related supports they need and request.
- Create job opportunities for persons served by CLASS LTD.
- Expand independent living skill training for people with developmental disabilities that will enhance their quality of life.
- Promote health and wellness initiatives for staff and clients we serve.

### **CLASS LTD Contributions to our Communities:**

- CLASS LTD employed 56 staff in Cherokee County as of April 30, 2018, with cumulative annual wages of approximately \$1.68 million.
- Sponsored the "Herding Heroes" goat show at the Cherokee County Fair.
- Provides information and referral for families with members with disabilities
- Provides community education on disability issues
- Assists with transition of students to post school life, including jobs
- Makes meeting and training space available to community groups
- Encourages staff members to become involved in community and civic organizations and local government
- Provides limited public transportation service between Columbus and Baxter Springs area
- Can meet the needs of local employers for workers
- Clients and staff participate in a variety of community activities and causes including:
  - Adoption of local family for Christmas
  - Relay for Life
  - Participate and host the Partnership for All Cherokee County Children (PACCC)
  - Member of the Columbus and Baxter Springs Chambers of Commerce
  - Special Olympics
  - Cherokee County Fair
  - CLASS is a Supporter member to the Cherokee County Economic Development Corporation

**CLASS LTD Services Locations in Cherokee County:**

Administrative Office	1200 Merle Evans Drive
Day Program	315 N. East Ave.
Duplex	927 W. Maple
Triplex	115 S. Illinois
Quadplex	1215 E. Walnut

**CLASS LTD Board of Directors in Cherokee County:**

Jason Hulvey	Columbus
Deb Porter	Riverton
David Boyd	Columbus

On behalf of the clients, staff and Board of Directors of CLASS LTD, I want to thank you for your continued interest in and support of persons with developmental disabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Thompson  
President/CEO