

Minutes for June 1, 2020
Cherokee County Commissioners
Cherokee County Kansas

Chairperson Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday, June 1, 2020 in the breakroom of the Cherokee County Courthouse, located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Moates opened with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Corey Moates County Counselor Barbara Wright, County Clerk, Kyle Rennie were present. Members of the press present Larry Hiatt.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve the May 18, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept and approve the May 22, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve payroll ending May 22, 2020. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve accounts payable, Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta updated THE BOARD on county road conditions reporting resurfacing on Scammon road was finished and the bridge at Falkner was nearly completed.

County Lot Supervisor, Louis Schreiner reported on options for a transmission repair ranging from \$1300.00 to \$6000.00

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 10:24 a.m. with non-elected County Counselor Barbara Wright, Leonard Vanatta, and Louis Schreiner for the purpose of potential litigation, and to reconvene at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to increase the hourly wage of Road and Bridge employee James Johnson, by \$1.00 per hour. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the transfer and wage increase for Paige Allen to the Appraisers Office. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Mack Young with Community Corrections addressed THE BOARD on fiscal year 2021. Mack also reported Cherokee County has nearly the highest number of offenders in his jurisdiction. Mack also stated his comprehensive plan & budget is funded through The Department of Corrections. Commissioner Frazier asked Mack if he could attend the June 8, 2020 session.

Mark Hixon, Cherokee County Appraiser, addressed THE BOARD concerning the 2021 Appraiser's budget.

Commissioner Moates moved to cancel zoom, Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved at 10:45 a.m. to recess until 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Sheriff David Groves reported there are 10 cases of COVID-19 in the county, 9 are recovered.

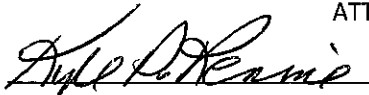
Commissioner Moates moved to accept the recommendations of Cherokee County Health Officials for a complete reopening of the County, due to the expiration of the Kansas Ad Astra Plan. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to go into executive session at 11:17 a.m. with non-elected County Counselor Barbara Wright and Mark Hixon, for attorney client discussion of contract, and to reconvene at 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:40 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Moates moved to recognize June 30, 2020 as the end of NRP with Baxter Springs. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the next regular session June 8, 2020. Commissioner Anderson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:50.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this June 8, 2020



County Clerk



Commissioner



Commissioner



Commissioner

