

Minutes for March 9, 2020  
County Board of Cherokee Commissioners  
Cherokee County, Kansas

Chairperson Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 9, 2020 in commission room #109, Cherokee County Courthouse, located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier opened with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, County Counselor, Barbara Wright, and County Clerk, Kyle Rennie were present. Members of the press present Larry Hiatt.

Commissioner Anderson moved to amend the March 2, 2020 minutes to read (a continuation of the ½ cent sales tax, instead of a proposed ½ cent sales tax to be put on the November 2020 Ballet.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve the March 2, 2020 minutes as amended Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve payroll ending February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve accounts Payable, Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0.

Brenda Clugston, Cherokee County Health Department, presented a document for signature for grant applications. Commissioner Frazier signed the document.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta, reported about 1/3 of FEMA projects were complete, about 70% county wide are complete. He also reported Pit Reclamation would be replacing a box culvert north of West Mineral at 50<sup>th</sup> and Weir road.

County Lot Supervisor, Louis Schreiner reported he has an appointment to pick up the new end dump trailer on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Louis stated he is still operating with one mechanic and still has two positions open. He went on to state the wages the County offers at this time are just not competitive enough to hire and retain quality employees. Leonard Vanatta reported he has one road maintainer operator moving to a different role in his department and would need to hire a maintainer operator.

Christina Holmes with the Cherokee County Extension office reported on the new F.A.R.M.S. Project and to have the agreement with the Riverton PRIDE signed. Christina also stated there are more grant opportunities available.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 9:39 a.m. and to reconvene at 9:55 a.m., for Attorney/Client, with County Counselor Barbara Wright for potential litigation Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion, passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

Willfredo Blanco Diaz with the Baxter Ambulance Association presented employee information The Commissioners had requested at the March 2 meeting. Casey Roberts, also with the Baxter ambulance, stated he is not in favor of consolidating the two county ambulance associations, service being the reason. Doug Mogel with the Galena, Columbus Ambulance Association suggested maybe the timing

isn't right at this time. The issue of combining the two county ambulance associations has been put on hold at this time.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session with elected personnel, Sheriff Groves and non-elected personnel, Terry Clugston for Security Measures, Law Enforcement Center, at 10:30 a.m. and to reconvene at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0. No action was taken.

Commissioner Anderson moved to go into executive session with County Counselor Barbara Wright and elected personal Kyle Rennie at 11:23 a.m. for Attorney/Client, concerning potential litigation and to reconvene at 11:55 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 11:55 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Moates moved to recess at 11:56 a.m. and to reconvene at 12:06 p.m. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 12:12 p.m. and with elected personal Kyle Rennie for Attorney/Client to discuss litigation and to reconvene at 12:17 p.m. meeting reconvened at 12:17 p.m. No action was taken.


Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 12:19 p.m. and to reconvene at 12:40 p.m. for non-elected personal for employment applications. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 12:41 p.m.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the next regular session March 16, 2020. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.3-0. Meeting adjourned until the next regular session at 12:44.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 16th day of March 2020**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
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