

**MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 29, 2014**  
**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, December 29, 2014 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Charles Napier, Pat Collins, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2014 BOCC Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1701a to approve one clerical error as recommended by the Appraisers Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

**Ralph Houser - Courthouse Maintenance**

He appeared at the Boards request concerning the steps to the courthouse during icy weather. The Board asked him not to cover the steps with plywood for safety reasons. Ralph will look into something other than salt to prevent or remove ice on the steps.

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

They appeared before the Board on routine county road business.

**David Groves - Sheriff**

He appeared before the Board regarding the deficit balance in the Sheriff's Budget. He reminded the Board that there was a change implemented mid-year by auditor Gene Mense that affected the reimbursements to his budget for 2014. Had that change not taken place, there would be an approximate surplus balance of \$25,000 in the budget. His budget for 2015 has been corrected to prevent a similar situation next year.

**Property Tax Relief Applications - Baxter Springs Tornado**

The Board reviewed Property Tax Relief Applications for consideration of tax abatements to homesteads damaged as a result of the tornado in Baxter Springs on April 27, 2014.

The Board reviewed the following applications and made determinations as indicated.

Trinity & Dawn Goerke, 445 E 11<sup>th</sup> St. - A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand, seconded by Commissioner Collins to grant a 100% abatement. The motion carried 3-0.

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All properties are located within the city limits of Baxter Springs. The abatements granted are for tax year 2014. The approved abatements will apply to property taxes on structures. Land values and taxes assessed on land are not affected.

**Nathan Coleman - County Counselor**

He appeared before the Board on legal matters concerning Cherokee County.

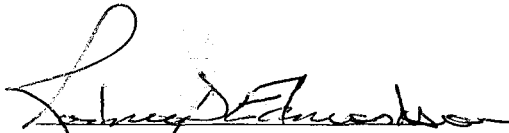
He presented a draft resolution for the investment of county funds in the Municipal Investment Pool.

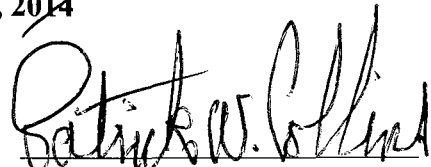
A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to pass Resolution 21-2014, authorizing the deposit of county funds in the Municipal Investment Pool and designating County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson and Deputy Treasurer Joni Hicks as authorized investors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

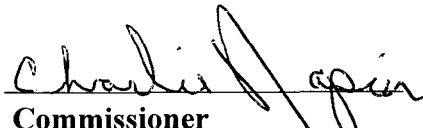
Mr. Coleman reported that KAMO is still gathering the requested documents concerning the PILOT payment. He hopes to have something to report next week.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for January 5, 2015 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:22 AM.

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this day Jan 5, 2015

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 21 - 2014**  
**MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT POOL**

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

WHEREAS, the County in the form of its duly elected governing body has the authority under K.S.A. § 19-101 to determine its local affairs and government, and;

WHEREAS, the County in the form of its duly elected governing body has the authority under K.S.A. § 19-212 to exercise control over the County's financial matters, and;

WHEREAS, the County is a municipality (the "Depositor"), as defined in K.S.A. 12-1675, as amended, and from time to time has funds on hand in excess of current needs, and

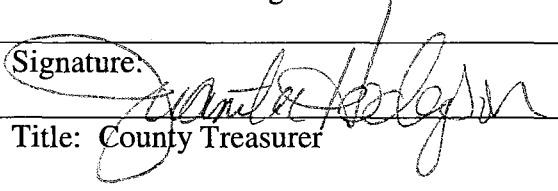
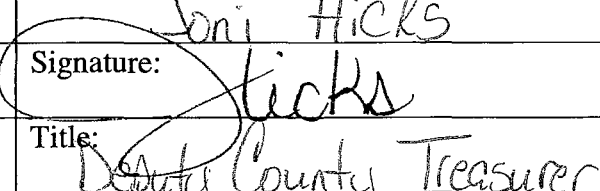
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Depositor and its inhabitants to invest funds in investments that yield a favorable rate of return while providing the necessary liquidity and protection of the principal; and

WHEREAS, the Pooled Money Investment Board (the "PMIB"), operates the Municipal Investment Pool (the "MIP"), a public funds investment pool, pursuant to Chapter 254 of the *1996 Session Laws of Kansas*, and amendments thereto,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, meeting in regular session, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The County/Depositor approves the establishment of an account in its name in the MIP for the purpose of transmitting funds for investment, subject to the MIP Participation Policy adopted by the PMIB, and the County/Depositor acknowledges it has received a current copy of such Participation Policy. The Depositor's taxpayer identification number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service is 48-6041799.

2. The following individuals, whose signatures appear directly below, are officers or employees of the Depositor and are each hereby authorized to transfer funds for investment in the MIP and are each authorized to withdraw funds, to issue letters of instruction, and to take all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of funds:

Name: Juanita Hodgson	Name: Joni Hicks
Signature: 	Signature: 
Title: County Treasurer	Title: Deputy County Treasurer

Name:	Name:
Signature:	Signature:
Title:	Title:


3. **Depositor Contact:**


Name: Juanita Hodgson	Email: cktreas@columbus-ks.com
Title: County Treasurer	Phone: (620) 429-3848
Street Address 110 West Maple Street	Fax: (620) 429-2256
Columbus	Kansas, 66739-66725

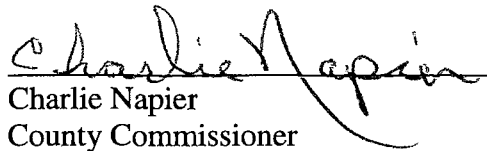
4. This Resolution and its authorization shall continue in full force and effect until amended or revoked by the Depositor and until the PMIB receives a copy of any such amendment or revocation, the PMIB is entitled to rely on the same.

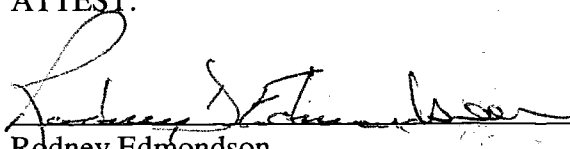
5. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication once in the official county newspaper.

Adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS.

  
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 Patrick W. Collins  
 County Commissioner

  
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 Richard J. Hilderbrand  
 County Commissioner

  
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 Charlie Napier  
 County Commissioner

ATTEST:  
  
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 Rodney Edmondson  
 County Clerk of Cherokee County, Kansas  
 Resolution No. 21 - 2014

Prepared by:  
 Nathan R. Coleman, County Attorney

