

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 7, 2019
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

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, October 7, 2019 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Jim Tunnell opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Neal Anderson, Myra Carlisle Frazier, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Minutes of the September 30, 2019 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to hire Michael Shockley as a brush cutter at the rate of \$14.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the payroll for the period ending September 27, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the accounts payable for the period ending October 2, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

Representatives from USD 493 appeared before the Board regarding a special education work study program. They would like to bring students to the courthouse one or two days per week to help with tasks such as shredding and recycling. The Board took it under advisement to allow Clerk Edmondson to check with insurance carriers about liability.

Department Heads – Monthly Reports

Officials met with the Board for their routine monthly meeting for the purpose of updating the Board on happenings within each department, with the following department heads present: Barbara Bilke, Register of Deeds; Betha Elliott, Health Department; Deana Randall, Human Resources; Jacob Conard, County Attorney; Jason Allison, Emergency Management; Mark Hixon, Appraiser; Ralph Houser, Maintenance; Raven Elmore, Treasurer; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk & Election; and Rebecca Brassart, 911 Addressing & Mapping.

Ralph Houser presented a proposal from Mid-Continental Restoration Co, Inc. to repair the brick and mortar damage to the courthouse. The estimated cost is \$74,260.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an attorney client executive session for economic development issues and a contract issue with the sewer district with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Clerk Edmondson for approximately 25 minutes. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 11:10 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:41 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

No action will be taken regarding the economic development executive session.

Regarding the sewer district, a motion was made by Commissioner Moates to hire Matt Napier with the salary being paid now to be split into two parts between Matt Biddle and Matt Napier effective immediately.

The Board discussed the hiring of the additional person and the employee benefits to be paid to both employees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to post the position as an independent contractor for two weeks at a salary of \$35,000.

The motions died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier for an attorney client executive session for contract purposes with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Clerk Edmondson for approximately 15 minutes. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 11:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:39 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an attorney client executive session for contract purposes with the Board, Counselor Wright, Clerk Edmondson, and Brian Hillier of Benefit Health Advisors by phone, for approximately 15 minutes. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 12:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:57 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

The Board tabled the sewer district issue until October 21st.

Larry Hiatt presented a newspaper advertisement for the Columbus Days Festival for the Board to consider at a cost of \$300.

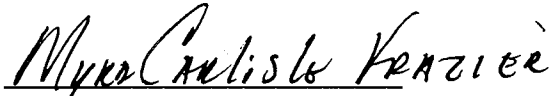
A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to pay for the ad from the transient guest tax fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.


Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, October 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 12:31 p.m.

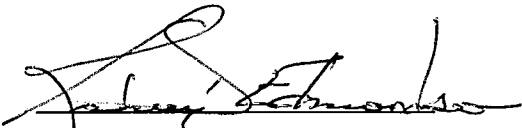
The Board will not meet on Monday, October 14, 2019 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 21st day of October, 2019


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner


County Clerk