

Minutes for November 16, 2020  
Cherokee County Commission  
Cherokee County Kansas

Chairperson Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday November 16, 2020 in room #34 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Myra Frazier, Cory Moates, County Counselor Barbara Wright, County Clerk, Kyle Rennie were present. Member of the press Larry Hiatt also present. 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner Elect Lorie Johnson present. 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner Neal Anderson, absent.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve the November 9, 2020 regular session minutes. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 2-0

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve payroll ending November 6, 2020. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve accounts payable. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 2-0

Commissioner Frazier moved to reimburse Bath Naylor Funeral Home, milage in the amount of \$552 for transportation of a body from Kansas City. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. 2-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta and assistant R & B Supervisor, Cody Zook addressed THE COMMISSION on hiring employees that reside outside Cherokee County. County Counselor, Barbara Wright remarked it would be completely within the county policy to do so. Leonard and Cody also asked how to handle vacation time for employees who were off on extended leave.

Commissioner Moates moved to pay Johnny Zwahlen's remaining 2020 vacation days. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 2-0. Johnny suffered injuries in a work-related accident.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 9 :24 a.m. with non-elected personnel County Counselor, Barbara Wright, Leonard Vanatta, and Cody Zook for employee discipline and to return at 9:38 a.m. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 2-0

Commissioner Moates moved that effective January 1, 2020, all non-elected salaried employees must report their sick and vacation time off to Human Resource, and that leave must be taken with a minimum of 4 hours. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 2-0. The Board asked Deana Randall, Human Resources Department Head, to send a memo of the new policy to all non-elected salaried employees.

At 10:00 a.m. canvass of the 2020 election began, THE COMMISSION along with County Clerk, Kyle Rennie, Deputy Clerk Paula Cheney, and the Canvass Board which included Marcia Trease, Cheryl Vanatta and Geneva Grubbs, proceeded to the County Clerk's office to view the tally of the accepted provisional ballots, including 19 ballots due to name change, 137 ballots due to address change, 28 ballots due to clerical error. The provisional ballots rejected are as follows 1 ballot rejected due to felony conviction, 73 ballots rejected due to no registration in Kansas, 29 ballots rejected due to no registration

in Cherokee County, and 1 ballot rejected due to lack of photo ID. 184 provisional ballots accepted; 104 ballots rejected. After the official canvass was completed all those present proceeded back to THE COMMISSION room.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and certify the write in votes for Lola Township. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and certify the write in votes for Columbus Hospital Board. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 2-0.

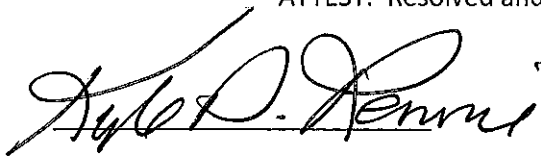
Commissioner Moates moved to certify the Election by signing the Official Canvass Document. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 2-0. All those signing were Commissioners Myra Frazier, Cory Moates, County Counselor Barbara Wright, County Clerk, Kyle Rennie and County Attorney, Jake Conard.

Canvass was completed at 11:20 a.m.

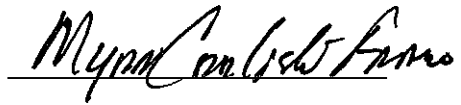
Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the next regular session November 23, 2020.

Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this November 23, 2020



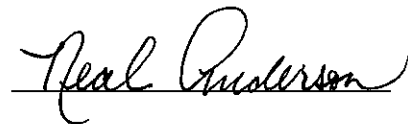
County Clerk



Commissioner



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