

MINUTES FOR APRIL 15TH, 2013
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman Richard Hilderbrand called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 AM on Monday, April 15th, 2013 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse. Commissioners Pat Collins, Charles Napier, Richard Hilderbrand, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Patrick Richardson, and Machel Smith

Visitors: Gerald Messer

Amy Zortz, Sandra Stricklin - City of Weir

They came before the Board with a written request seeking assistance for funding storm shelters within the City of Weir. The total cost for three 10' X 20' concrete above ground shelters is estimated at \$81,000. The Board took the matter under advisement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes from the April 8th, 2013 Commission Meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to amend Resolution No. 10-2013 that was passed on April 8th, 2013 to read "adopted this 8th day of April". It was second by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to amend the agenda for the Columbus Public Library Board from 10:00 AM to 9:45 AM. It was second by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Larry Cornog, Danielle Dougherty - Columbus Public Library Board

They appeared before the Board seeking assistance with a maintenance issue at the library. The library has exposed wood that they cannot afford to fix. The library will be having a 100th Anniversary celebration in the near future and they would like to get the building repaired before then. The estimated cost is \$4,200. The building needs power washed, sanded, and painted. This is preventative maintenance so the damage doesn't get worse. Chairman Hilderbrand asked that they ask the City of Columbus for assistance because it's a city library and not a county library. Commissioners Collins and Napier will check on the equipment needed for reaching the high places and get back with them. The Board took the request under advisement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to amend the agenda for the Columbus Telephone Company from 10:30 AM to 10:05 AM. It was second by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Trish Carroll - Columbus Telephone Company

Trish Carroll appeared before the Board concerning the recent audit done by Allied Business Solutions, on the phone equipment and service for the Courthouse. The Columbus Telephone Co. will be preparing a dual proposal for upgraded phone service at the Courthouse. She believes there are cost savings available for the county. Chairman Hilderbrand requested that they present their proposal during the monthly Department Head meeting in May. She will make arrangements to be on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to appoint Chairman Richard Hilderbrand as the Commissioners' representative on the Cherokee County Economic Development Advisory Committee. It was second by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Chairman Hilderbrand presented to the Board with the list of members for the newly established Cherokee County Economic Development Advisory Committee. The members are as follows: Position 1 - Weir, Amy Zortz; Position 2 - Scammon, Tammy Duley; Position 3 - Columbus, Mel Greene; Position 4 - Baxter Springs, Gretta Day; Position 5 - Galena, Dale Oglesby; Position 6 - Commissioner District 1, David Nelson; Position 7 - Commissioner District 2, Trish Carroll; Position 8 - Commissioner District 3, Gregg Motley; Position 9 - County Commissioner, Richard Hilderbrand.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to approve the appointments as read. It was second by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

The first meeting of the new Committee will be on Tuesday April 30th at 7:00 PM in the employee break room at the courthouse. The Clerk will notify the members of the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Mid-Month Accounts Payable's. It was second by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to amend the agenda from 11:00 AM to 10:50 AM for Jean Pritchett and the Tourism Grant request.

Jean Pritchett - Tourism Grant

She appeared before the Board to present the Cherokee County Tourism application and request for the American Gelbvieh Jr. Association (AGJA) Western Regional Classic event to be held May 24th-26th, 2013. The request is in the amount of \$300.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to approve the grant request from AGJA in the amount of \$300 for the Cherokee County Tourism Grant Program. It was second by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

Dave Malone - Jail Bond Refinancing

He appeared before the Board to follow up on his proposal to restructure the County's Jail Bonds. He stated to the Board that he is ready to move forward. The Board will instruct the Clerk to notify him when a decision is made.

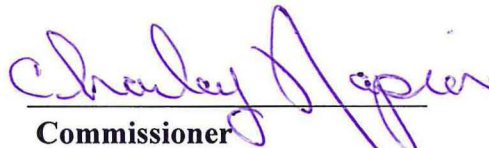
Commissioner Napier made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for April 22nd, 2013. It was second by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:50 AM.


ATTEST:

Resolved and ordered this day, April 22nd, 2013


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

Columbus Chamber of Commerce

320 E. Maple * Columbus, KS 66725 * 620-429-1492

APPLICATION

CHEROKEE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM 2013

PLEASE USE ONLY THIS FORM

IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS
ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE TYPED.

DATE OF REQUEST MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 60 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT

Date of Request _____

Name of Event/Project (AGJA) American Gelbvieh Jr. Assoc. Western Regional Classic

Date(s) of Event/Project May 24 - 26, 2013

Name of Sponsoring Organization KS Gelbvieh Breeders

Briefly describe event/project See attached.

Person making Grant/Request Connie Tabor

Address 4749 S.E. 40th Columbus

Work Phone 620-429-1449 Home Phone 620-762-0275

Grant amount being requested (\$300 maximum) 300.⁰⁰

Is this event in any way a fundraiser for your organization? ___ yes X no

Estimated number of expected attendees 125 appx.

Estimated number of room nights generated: 2 nights

Estimated number of attendees that are day-trippers 7

Where will they stay while in Cherokee County? Local accomodations - Maple UnCommon
H&K Camper - On Ground
Others B&B Motel

How will grant money be used (be specific) See attached.

Attach projected budget for entire event/project to this application.

Where will visitors come from? Kansas Oklahoma Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, -
Possibly from across the U.S.

Is this a one-time event? An on-going project? Explain One Time - Local Breeders
are hosting the event. It is possible it could return in a few years
if there is enough space for all who attend.

Have you received prior funding from this grant? Explain No.

How will this event/project increase tourism revenue in Cherokee County? Will utilize
local restaurants for meals, shopping from attendees, should fill all hotels,
B & B, etc. Possible sight-seeing of attractions.

If event/project will not directly affect tourism, how will it improve or enhance Cherokee County to
indirectly affect tourism? _____

Additional support from this grant application may be attached if desired.

IMPORTANT: Upon completion of event/project, all grant recipients must supply the
Columbus Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee with actual budget for event/project
and follow-up summary. Recipients who do not comply with this policy may be ineligible for
future grants.

Committee Use Only: Date recieved 3-11-13 Action _____

Note: These funds are to assist qualified organizations with the promotion of tourism activities striving to directly increase hotel/motel occupancy and create positive image building publicity for Cherokee county.



The American Gelbvieh Junior Association holds an Eastern and Western Regional show each year. The show is hosted by different groups or state associations each year, who submit a bid to host the show. This year Kansas Gelbvieh breeders will be hosting the Western Regional show in Columbus, KS on the weekend of May 24, 2013.

Exhibitors are expected from Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa. It is possible to have exhibitors from Texas, North Carolina, South Dakota, and Colorado and all points in between. We do not have entries submitted to us at this time to know exactly where exhibitors will be coming from, but they could come from across the entire United States.

The Regional show is a weekend event which consists of contests for the junior members, as well as, the cattle show. It helps prepare the junior members for the AGJA National Show, held in July, and teaches leadership, sportsmanship, and responsibility.

The approximate number of attendees is estimated at 125 people, average 20 families, who will be staying in Columbus for the weekend. The Maple UnCommon Hotel has already been reserved for our event and H & K Camper will provide rental campers for families who wish to stay on the fairgrounds. We will also be suggesting the Smittle House, Pump and Pitcher and the East street motel for lodging. We feel all of these will be used to accommodate the expected 20 families.

We will be using local catering for the meals at our event. We are also using local businesses for our printing needs for schedules, signs, and information, and the local screen printer for awards. The Dollar General will be available for those who may have forgotten items, as well as, the Apple Market for drinks and snacks. We are using the entire fairgrounds, including the 4-H building for meals and awards dinner, and the rodeo grounds for trailer parking. Columbus Veterinary Clinic has agreed to be the vet on call should any animal require medical attention over the weekend. The Farmers Coop in Columbus and Baxter Springs will be listed in the directory that everyone receives for those who may have forgotten feed or miscellaneous cattle items.

The Western Regional show is open for anyone to come and watch to see the show and watch the kids as they compete in contests.

A schedule of events is attached.

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Cherokee County Commission

April 12, 2013

Dear Cherokee County Commissioners,

The City of Weir is asking for help from the County to fund storm shelters for our residents.

We currently use the Weir Elementary School as our "Community Shelter", but have been told that the building may not be constructed with reinforced concrete as we had been led to believe in the past. We are also having issues with our elderly residents and the non-handicap-accessibility of the building with all the steps and stairways.

There is no FEMA money available at this time. The last federally-declared disaster money for the state of Kansas has all been spent. We have looked into loans and grants, but the matching funds needed are above our level of monetary capability.

Our goal is to install one shelter [10'x20' (holds 40 people), concrete above-ground with air vents] per Ward in Weir to help cover those residents who have nowhere safe to go in severe/tornado weather. That would mean three shelters total, at an approximate cost of \$27,000 each = \$81,000.

We are currently on the Joplin City Commerce list to be notified if they have any of their FEMA shelters for sale after the June 2013 deadline for the Joplin tornado disaster, but the outcome does not look promising. They plan on keeping those shelters in their own surrounding communities before letting them go to outlying areas.

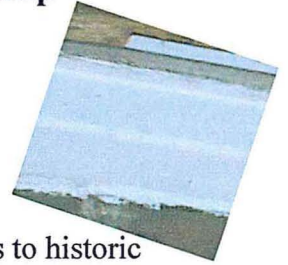
Any help or direction you could give us here in the North part of the County would be greatly welcomed and appreciated!

Sincerely,



Sandra Stricklin
Mayor
City of Weir, Kansas
620-396-8214

Carnegie believed in giving to the "industrious and ambitious; not those who need everything done for them, but those who, being most anxious and able to help themselves, deserve and will be benefited by help from others."



What does Columbus Public Library do for the county?

- A Carnegie library is a jewel in the crown of our county when it comes to historic significance.
- We offer free access to the internet and computer classes — this helps connect people to jobs!
- Programming such as summer reading—which prevents loss of reading
- *200 people that live outside of Columbus but within the county use this library in addition to tourists who visit.*

Need:

The Columbus Public Library needs \$4,200 for maintenance work on the outside of the building. This will cover power washing the building, painting the eaves, trim and the tin inset on the front of the building. It will also include cleaning out the rain gutters. The cost is partly due to the fact that we will need to rent a cherry picker to reach the areas that need the most work.

Why:

These repairs are preventive measures—we need to take care of these while they are small problems. If the rain gutters are not cleaned out, we could begin to have problems with the roof.

Why does the library lack funding?

- Utilities go up every year. We have had longer periods of cold and hot weather.
- Technology—People who have iPads and computers of their own still come to the library to use the free internet, so we still have to keep up with equipment and software.
- Grants aren't enough to cover the budget crunch, and the foundations have guidelines as to what and who they will fund.
- There is not enough left over at the end of the year to create a fund for emergency maintenance.

Monthly Bills – March, 2013

Utilities

Empire District Electric	\$248.30
Columbus Telephone Co.	(181.52) Credit (455.88)
Kansas Gas Service	243.46
City of Columbus – water	80.94

Equipment Maintenance

Toshiba	85.00
Copy Products, Inc	36.00

Pest Control

Quality Pest Control	29.00
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Supplies

Maintenance

KONE Inc. – Elevator	363.72
Radio Shack – batteries for Alarm downstairs	18.98

Transportation

Iola meeting - Danielle	104.75
Westminster – Danielle & Betty	110.80

Miscellaneous

Columbus News Report	10.00
Advertising for mowing job	

Labette Bank Account: Books/Magazines/Newspapers

Baker & Taylor – books	250.94
Center Point Large Print books	366.35
Recorded Books	113.36

Payroll

Janet Graham	4155.34
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Deposit:

Commerce Bank:

Misc. revenue	80.33
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Labette Bank:

Bake Sale	775.45
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Columbus Public Library March 2013

	<u>March 2013</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Revenue				
City	\$ -	\$ 32,781.59	\$ 90,000.00	36%
State	\$ -	-	1,800.00	0%
SEK Library System	\$ -	2,235.00	8,737.00	26%
Misc/Donations/Grants	\$ 855.78	2,488.62	6,500.00	38%
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 855.78</u>	<u>\$ 37,505.21</u>	<u>\$ 107,037.00</u>	<u>35%</u>
Expenses				
Operating Expenses				
Books, Magazines, Audio, Etc.	\$ 730.65	\$ 3,367.57	\$ 12,000.00	28%
Utilities	\$ 572.70	1,784.85	8,000.00	22%
Supplies	\$ -	302.40	2,500.00	12%
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 484.72	928.69	7,187.00	13%
Postage/Petty Cash	\$ -	150.00	2,000.00	8%
Programming	\$ -	-	1,000.00	0%
Travel/Continuing Education	\$ 211.20	315.70	1,000.00	32%
Pest Control	\$ 29.00	87.00	350.00	25%
Courier Service/KOHA	-	-	1,800.00	0%
Technology	\$ -	264.99	2,000.00	13%
Misc.	\$ 10.00	43.26	500.00	9%
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 2,038.27</u>	<u>\$ 7,244.46</u>	<u>\$ 38,337.00</u>	<u>19%</u>
Administrative Expenses				
Director's Salary	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 8,280.00	\$ 37,000.00	22%
Assistant Librarian's Salary	\$ 1,245.00	3,190.00	12,000.00	27%
Children Librarian's Salary	\$ -	-	-	0%
Circulation Clerk	\$ 797.50	1,924.87	7,200.00	27%
Custodial	\$ 500.00	1,500.00	6,000.00	25%
Payroll Taxes & KPERS	\$ 833.19	2,380.42	6,500.00	37%
Total Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 6,095.69</u>	<u>\$ 17,275.29</u>	<u>\$ 68,700.00</u>	<u>25%</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 8,133.96</u>	<u>\$ 24,519.75</u>	<u>\$ 107,037.00</u>	<u>23%</u>
Bank Balances				
Commerce Checking	4/2/2013	\$25,293.05		
Labette State Account	4/2/2013	\$5,682.09		