

**MINUTES FOR MARCH 7, 2011**  
**COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**  
**CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee County Commissioners met March 7, 2011. Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the amended minutes for February 28, 2011; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand, and County Clerk Crystal Gatewood signed off on the approved meeting minutes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS CALLED BY COMMISSION**

Commissioner Garner made a motion to go into **Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel from 9:49 AM to 10:00 AM** with himself and Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand, with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into **Executive Session for ten minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege** with himself, Commissioners Garner, Collins, and County Counselor Kevin Cure; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. They went in at 1:10 PM returned at 1:21 PM.

**MOTIONS MADE BY COMMISSION**

Commissioner Garner made a motion to take a break at 9:45 AM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins; with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins and Garner voting in favor. The commission resumed the meeting at 9:55 AM.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to tour the newly renovated Cherokee County Attorney's Office; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins; with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and Garner voting in favor.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to raise Elected Officials and the appointed Office Heads \$0.25 an hour retroactive as of January 1, 2011, based upon the current 2,080 hours of clock time for 2011, Commissioner Garner seconded his motion, with Commissioner Hilderbrand amending the motion to not include the Cherokee County Commissioners; Commissioner Garner seconding the amended motion. Commissioners Hilderbrand, Garner and Collins voted in favor of the original motion and the amended motion.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

Raymond Griffith came before the commission to discuss a personal property problem. Mr. Griffith said he would get back with the clerk.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta and Gene Langerot updated the commission on general road, bridge, and county maintenance.

Cecil Brown of the Noxious Weed Department came before the commission to bring in the only bid he received for a new spray system for county weed control. The commission thanked him for the information and to make sure the County Clerk had a copy of the bid as well as human resource.

The commission met with County Counselor Kevin Cure, John Gaither, Jim Gaither, Jim Lucian, and Attorney Larry Paurser for a fence viewing discussion with the parties involved at 11:00 AM at the property located 3 ½ miles West on Highway 160 on the North side. No decisions were made and the commission will meet at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 14, 2011 at the courthouse to discuss the matter further and make a possible decision based on the information available.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Cherokee County Attorney John Bullard invited the commission to tour his office to show them the renovations that were completed in the office. His office has been very busy.

Cherokee County Deputy Clerk Paula Cheney reported the office is very busy preparing for the April School Board and City elections. The office has also been busy registering boats and preparing Homestead and Food Tax Forms for the citizens of Cherokee County.

Cherokee County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson reported the new postage machine has been delivered and set up. Her office personnel and she have been busy training on the new vehicle computer system required by the State of Kansas. They also have been busy registering heavy trucks and trailers as well as vehicles. Her office will began mailing delinquent Sheriff Warrants and second half tax statements.

Cherokee County Sheriff David Groves reported that the department had 107 cases last month. He also was chosen to represent Cherokee County on the Tri-State Major Case squad. He also reported that on March 17, 2011, in Baxter Springs at the Community Center, they will hold Domestic Violence training and the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department will be handling the training. He also is trying to get disposal sites for meth lab clean-ups in a six county region with the help of the Kansas Sheriff's Association.

Register of Deeds Christy Grant reported they were busy doing passports. Her staff has been busy microfilming the first 12 books of Cherokee County and they are trying to get them in working order.

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**APPOINTED OFFICE HEADS**

Jason Allison of Emergency Preparedness reported he has been very busy and is planning a tornado drill for the courthouse employees. He discussed having the Department Heads and Elected Officials develop a plan for their employees in case of severe weather. The Department Officials agreed. The Roseland Storm Shelter is 95% complete and he had been out to look it over. Commissioner Garner and Cherokee County Clerk Crystal Gatewood signed off on a voucher for the NSP Grant reimbursement to the county.

Betha Elliott of the Cherokee County Health Department reported they were trying to finish up some of the new grants and the technical system is in place.

Wayne Elliott of 911 Mapping reported things were going smoothly and the current map showing ownership of land in Cherokee County is completed, and he will update as property changes ownership. He is going to get a copy of the map for the Sheriff and the County Lot to have. These maps are also available on CD and can be updated as needed, but there will also be a fee to the public.

County Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck reported her office is almost finished with the county final review, they had mailed out the second renditions, and they are doing a lot of Payment Upon Protests (PUPs) hearings.

Ralph Houser of Courthouse Maintenance is planning for the new elevator which the company will start working on in July.

Deana Randall of the Human Resource Department reminded everyone that cut off for bills to be turned in is at noon on March 17, 2011.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Garner made a motion to adjourn at 2:10 PM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held March 14, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

**Resolved and ordered this day March 14, 2011**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner  
  
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## Sales tax Payments from State of Kansas

<u>Date</u>	<u>Local Comp</u>	<u>Local Retail</u>	<u>Jail Salestax</u>	<u>Total Salestax</u>
January 2011	\$ 19,496.72	\$ 69,041.81	\$ 44,269.26	\$ 132,807.79
February 2011	\$ 21,044.24	\$ 73,990.89	\$ 47,517.57	\$ 142,552.70
March 2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
April 2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
May 2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
June 2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
July 2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
August 2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
September 2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
October 2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
November 2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
December 2011	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 40,540.96</u>	<u>\$ 143,032.70</u>	<u>\$ 91,786.83</u>	<u>\$ 275,360.49</u>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Local Comp</u>	<u>Local Retail</u>	<u>Jail Salestax</u>	<u>Total Salestax</u>
January 2010	\$ 16,361.57	\$ 66,214.27	\$ 41,287.92	\$ 123,863.76
February 2010	\$ 19,065.09	\$ 79,322.38	\$ 49,193.74	\$ 147,581.21
March 2010	\$ 26,779.61	\$ 86,243.76	\$ 56,511.69	\$ 169,535.06
April 2010	\$ 20,414.17	\$ 76,199.35	\$ 48,306.77	\$ 144,920.29
May 2010	\$ 32,887.05	\$ 81,799.08	\$ 57,343.07	\$ 172,029.20
June 2010	\$ 22,626.72	\$ 70,022.49	\$ 46,324.61	\$ 138,973.82
July 2010	\$ 23,721.98	\$ 67,913.02	\$ 45,817.50	\$ 137,452.50
August 2010	\$ 27,647.62	\$ 78,863.92	\$ 53,255.77	\$ 159,767.31
September 2010	\$ 17,063.45	\$ 75,480.85	\$ 46,272.15	\$ 138,816.45
October 2010	\$ 21,308.43	\$ 77,283.41	\$ 49,295.91	\$ 147,887.75
November 2010	\$ 18,497.09	\$ 64,083.47	\$ 41,290.28	\$ 123,870.84
December 2010	\$ 24,223.91	\$ 72,452.85	\$ 48,338.39	\$ 145,015.15
	<u>\$ 270,596.69</u>	<u>\$ 895,878.85</u>	<u>\$ 583,237.80</u>	<u>\$ 1,749,713.34</u>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Local Comp</u>	<u>Local Retail</u>	<u>Jail Salestax</u>	<u>Total Salestax</u>
January 2009	\$ 29,705.26	\$ 77,462.60	\$ 53,583.93	\$ 160,751.79
February 2009	\$ 20,125.24	\$ 82,925.13	\$ 51,525.19	\$ 154,575.56
March 2009	\$ 21,181.22	\$ 88,751.71	\$ 54,966.47	\$ 164,899.40
April 2009	\$ 21,323.33	\$ 60,223.78	\$ 40,773.55	\$ 122,320.66
May 2009	\$ 22,636.87	\$ 75,939.56	\$ 49,288.22	\$ 147,864.65
June 2009	\$ 22,585.59	\$ 50,200.07	\$ 36,392.83	\$ 109,178.49
July 2009	\$ 48,340.82	\$ 19,782.20	\$ 76,899.45	\$ 145,022.47
August 2009	\$ 25,396.97	\$ 73,387.47	\$ 49,392.23	\$ 148,176.67
September 2009	\$ 21,540.39	\$ 76,136.95	\$ 48,838.68	\$ 146,516.02
October 2009	\$ 24,261.76	\$ 75,761.89	\$ 50,011.82	\$ 150,035.47
November 2009	\$ 19,837.90	\$ 73,452.09	\$ 46,644.99	\$ 139,934.98
December 2009	\$ 17,709.71	\$ 74,196.98	\$ 45,953.34	\$ 137,860.03
	<u>\$ 294,645.06</u>	<u>\$ 828,220.43</u>	<u>\$ 604,270.70</u>	<u>\$ 1,727,136.19</u>



# COURTHOUSE TORNADO SHELTERS

SHELTER AREA FOR:  
 911  
 CLERK  
 TREASURER  
 DEEDS

911 MAPPING  
 & ADDRESSING

LADIES  
 ROOM

PUBLIC  
 SHELTER

MENS  
 ROOM  
 PUBLIC  
 SHELTER

STAIRS

BASEMENT

STAIRS

ELEVATOR

STORAGE

PUBLIC  
 SHELTER

COURT  
 SERVICES

EMPLOYEE'S  
 SHELTER  
 IN PLACE

MAINT.  
 OFFICE

EMPLOYEE  
 BREAK/MEETING  
 ROOM

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SHELTER AREAS

APPRAISER'S OFFICE

SHELTER  
 AREA

SHELTER  
 AREA

SHELTER AREA FOR:  
 COUNTY ATTY. JUDGES EMPLOYEES  
 APPR. OFF DIST. COURT  
 EMER. MGT. HUMAN RESOURCES  
 COMMISSIONERS

HALLWAY

PUBLIC SHELTER

STORAGE