

**MINUTES FOR MAY 15, 2014**  
**BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CONVENE**

Commissioner Hilderbrand called the Special Session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:45 AM on Thursday, May 15, 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

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

They appeared before the Board along with County Counselor Kevin Cure, for the purpose of discussing sealed bids for a new tractor. The bid for a new tractor that was accepted at a previous meeting is not available. They have located one that is comparable, but not exact. Mr. Cure advised that it would be acceptable to rescind the earlier bid, and to purchase the tractor that is available.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to rescind the bid by S&H for a tractor, due to the fact that they are unable to produce the desired tractor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to purchase a John Deere 5100 tractor at a cost of \$53,800.90 from Legacy Farm & Lawn in Joplin. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

The Board of County Commissioners convened at 9:00 AM as the Board of Canvassers for the purpose of canvassing the USD 493 Special School Bond Election that was held on May 6, 2014. Appearing from the County Clerk/Election Office was County Election Officer Rodney Edmondson, Deputy Clerk Paula Cheney, and Susan Jones for the purpose of taking the minutes.

Edmondson and Cheney presented 120 provisional ballots for consideration to the Board of Canvassers. Of the 120 provisional ballots, 99 ballots were recommended to be accepted, while 21 ballots were recommended to be rejected. After review by the Board of Canvassers, 99 ballots were accepted and 21 ballots were rejected by the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to allow 46 Provisional Ballots that were cast by voters that had their voter registrations improperly cancelled during a period of time dating back to 2010. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to accept eight ballots from the City of Columbus. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to reject eight ballots from the City of Columbus. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to accept one ballot from the City of Scammon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to reject two ballots from the City of Scammon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to accept six ballots from the City of Weir. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to accept two ballots from Center Christian Church. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to reject three ballots from Center Christian Church. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to accept 16 ballots from County Extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to reject four ballots from County Extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to accept four ballots from Roseland. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to accept 15 ballots from Early Voters at the Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to reject four ballots from Early Voters at the Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

County Counselor Kevin Cure reviewed one challenged ballot from the Lola Precinct. He recommended that the ballot be accepted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to accept the challenged ballot from the Lola Precinct. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Hilderbrand voting no.

The Board of Canvassers took at five minute recess at 10:10 AM.

At 10:15 AM the Board convened in the office of the County Clerk/Election Officer to run the accepted provisional ballots through the M100 ballot tabulation machine for counting. The Special Board consisting of Supervising Judge Marcia Trease, Shannon Perry, Mamie Houser, and Geneva

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Grubbs opened the sealed provisional ballot envelopes, removed the ballots, and inserted them into the M100 for tabulation. The results were added to the final totals.

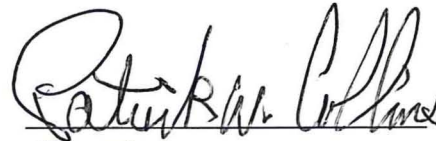
At 10:53 AM the Board reconvened in the Commission Room to review the final election results as presented by Edmondson and Cheney. Edmondson stated to the Board that the results were a true and accurate account of the USD 493 Special School Bond Election held on May 6, 2014.

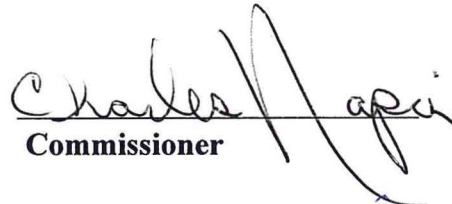
Chairman Hilderbrand made a motion to accept the final results of the election as presented. Commissioner Napier seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:00 AM.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn the meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 19, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all in attendance voting yes at 11:05 AM.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, May 19, 2014**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

SUMMARY TOTALS

Cherokee County, Kansas  
 2014 Special Election  
 May 6, 2014

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Run Date:05/15/14 10:47 AM

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	TOTAL VOTES	%	ELECTION DAY	EARLY VOTING	ADVANCE	PROVISIONAL
PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 23) . . . . .	23	100.00				
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL . . . . .	4,045					
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL . . . . .	2,513		1,810	326	278	99
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL . . . . .		62.13				
Unified School District 493 Cherokee						
Vote for 1						
(WITH 23 OF 23 PRECINCTS COUNTED)						
Yes . . . . .	682	27.14	481	95	92	14
No. . . . .	1,831	72.86	1,329	231	186	85
Over Votes . . . . .	0		0	0	0	0
Under Votes . . . . .	0		0	0	0	0

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hilderbrand, with a second by Commissioner Napier, and a vote of the full membership of the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, thereon of 3 in approval and none opposed, the results of the Special USD 493 School Bond Election on May 6, 2014 are certified as accurate and true after the canvassing of the results. The Board of Cherokee County Commissioners consisted of Commissioners Charles Napier, Pat Collins, and Richard Hilderbrand, and under the consultation with County Counselor Kevin Cure, have determined that 120 Provisional Ballots were deemed reviewed. The final results were; of the provisional's, 99 ballots counted and 21 ballots were not deemed qualified after further review.

The approved provisionals by the Canvassing Board were added to the vote count in their respective precinct in Cherokee County by Cherokee County Election Officer, Rodney D. Edmondson, on May 15, 2014. The document containing the final results was then submitted to the Commission on Thursday, May 15, 2014 for signatures by the Cherokee County Board of County Commissioners, and County Counselor Kevin Cure.


ATTEST:



Cherokee County Clerk  
And Election Officer



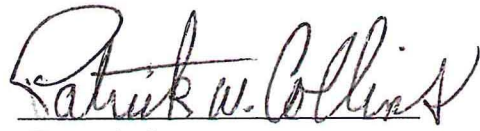
Deputy County Clerk



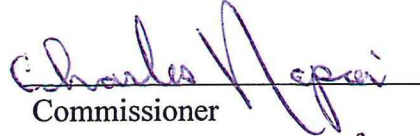
County Counselor, Kevin Cure  
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County Attorney

5-15-14  
Date



Commissioner



Commissioner



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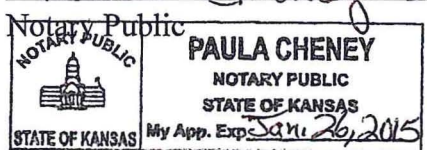
I, Rodney D. Edmondson, serving as the Cherokee County Election Officer, hereby certify that upon review of a selected group of **46** Provisional Ballots from the USD 493 Special School Bond Election of May 6, 2014, I make the following determination.

All 46 voters have completed a new voter registration application pursuant to K.S.A. 25-409, and are entitled to have their ballots considered by the Cherokee County Board of Canvassers.

Furthermore, all **46** Provisional Ballots were cast by voters whose voter registration status had been improperly changed to "Cancelled" for the sole reason of voter inactivity prior to the election, upon no fault of the voter.

It is therefore my recommendation as the Cherokee County Election Officer, that these **46** Provisional Ballots is accepted by this Board, and the ballots be opened, counted, and added to the official election results of the USD 493 Special School Bond Election of May 6, 2014.

Rodney D. Edmondson 5/15/14  
Cherokee County Election Officer Date

Paula Cheney 5-15-14  
Notary Public Date  


The Board of Cherokee County Commissioners consisting of Commissioners Charles Napier, Pat Collins, and Richard Hilderbrand, and under the consultation with County Counselor Kevin Cure, have determined that **46** Provisional Ballots that were cast by voters were deemed reviewed, and upon a motion by Commissioner Hilderbrand, with a second by Commissioner Collins, and a vote of the full membership of the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, thereon of 3 in approval and 0 opposed, accept the same **46** Provisional Ballots to be opened, counted, and added to the official election results of the USD 493 Special School Bond Election of May 6, 2014.

The approved provisionals by the Canvassing Board were added to the vote count in their respective precinct in Cherokee County by Cherokee County Election Officer, Rodney D. Edmondson, on May 15, 2014.

ATTEST: This Day, May 15, 2014

Rodney D. Edmondson  
Cherokee County Clerk  
And Election Officer

Paula Cheney  
Deputy County Clerk

Kevin Cure  
County Counselor, Kevin Cure

Patrick W. Collins  
Commissioner

Charles Napier  
Commissioner

Richard Hilderbrand  
Commissioner

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County Attorney

MAY 15, 2014, USD 493 ELECTION CANVASSING MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

*Lexie Grubbs*

*Sharon Perry*

*Mavis Homan*

*Margaret Trease*

*Larry Stath*

*Angie Pippel*

## 2014 Election Information

**Primary Election – Tuesday, August 5**  
**General Election – Tuesday, November 4**

### Candidate Filing Deadlines

**Primary Election: Noon, Monday, June 2**  
**Independent Nominations: Noon, Monday, August 4**

### Offices to be elected or retained

- One U.S. Senator
- ~~All four~~ U.S. Representatives #2
- Governor/Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- State Treasurer
- Commissioner of Insurance
- ~~All 25~~ State Representatives #1
- State Board of Education (~~12, 5, 7, 9~~)
- 2 Kansas Supreme Court Justices (#4, 6)<sup>1</sup>
- 8 Kansas Court of Appeals Judges<sup>1</sup>
- District Court Judges (38 retained, 31 elected)<sup>1</sup>
- District Magistrate Judges (16 retained, 2 elected)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> as of August 1, 2013

### Filing Fees

<u>Office</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>	<u>GEC/SOS Fee</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>
US Senator	\$1,740	\$20	\$1,760
US Representative	\$1,740	\$20	\$1,760
Governor/Lt. Governor	\$1,107/\$313	\$500	\$1,920
Secretary of State	\$860	\$500	\$1,360
Attorney General	\$989	\$500	\$1,489
State Treasurer	\$860	\$500	\$1,360
Commissioner of Insurance	\$860	\$500	\$1,360
State Representative	\$50	\$55	\$105
State Board of Education	\$25	\$55	\$80
Supreme Court <sup>2</sup>	N/A	\$20	\$20
Court of Appeals <sup>2</sup>	N/A	\$20	\$20
District Court Judge <sup>2</sup>	\$1,200	\$55	\$1,255
District Magistrate Judge <sup>2</sup>	\$100	\$55	\$155
County Officers	\$5 or 1% of salary	\$35	N/A
Township Officers	\$1	N/A	\$1

### Petition Requirements

<u>Party Candidates</u>	<u>Independent Candidates<sup>3</sup></u>
1% party	4% or 5,000
2% party vote SOS	4% or 5,000
1% party	5,000
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1% party	5,000
1% party	5,000
1% party	5,000
2% party	4% voters
200 voters	200 voters
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A
2% party	4% voters
2% party	4% voters
3% party	4% voters
3% party	10 or 5%

<sup>2</sup>Judicial officers who are appointed and retrained in office, rather than elected, pay only the GEC/SOS fee.

<sup>3</sup>Independent candidates may file for office only by petition. Upon filing a valid petition and paying the GEC/SOS fee, the candidate's name will be placed directly on the general ballot. An independent candidate must be registered as an unaffiliated voter. Percent requirements for petitions are based upon the total number of registered voters in the district as provided by KSA 25-205 and 25-303. Salary Information Sources: US Senate Secretary, US House of Representatives Chief Clerk; Kansas Division of Personnel Services; Kansas Office of Judicial Administration.



National and State Offices Elected on Less Than a Statewide Basis

U.S. Representative, State Representative, District Court Judge, District Magistrate Judge, State Board of Education

Democratic and Republican primary candidates, including candidates for judicial offices, must have valid signatures of 2% of the party's total voter registration from the district. [KSA 25-205(e)(2)]

Independent candidates (except state board of education) must have valid signatures of 4% of the registered voters of the district. The petition must contain valid signatures of at least 25 voters but not more than 5,000 voters. [KSA 25-303(c)]

Primary candidates for state board of education must have valid signatures of 200 registered voters of the district. [KSA 25-1903(a)]

Independent candidates for state board of education must have valid signatures of 200 voters of the district. [KSA 25-1903]

County Offices

Commissioner 

Democratic and Republican primary candidates must have valid signatures of 3% of the party's registered voters from the district. [KSA 25-205(e)(3)]

Independent candidates must have valid signatures of 4% of the total registered voters of the district. [KSA 25-303(c)]

Township Offices

Clerk

Democratic and Republican primary candidates must have valid signatures of 3% of the party's registered voters from the township. [KSA 25-205(e)(4)]

Independent candidates must have valid signatures of 5%, and not less than 10 total, of the registered voters of the township. [KSA 25-303(d)]

*Preinct Committeeman And Committeewoman*

**FILING CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS**

The Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (GEC) oversees campaign finance and ethics laws for the State of Kansas. This agency monitors the campaign finance and other reports submitted by state elected officials and candidates. Before receiving or spending any funds in a political campaign, a candidate must file an appointment of treasurer form with the Secretary of State. [KSA 25-4144] This form must be filed within 10 days after an individual becomes a candidate. GEC provides these forms to candidates. Candidates must file campaign finance reports by the dates listed below. Reports must include contributions and expenditures of candidates for that reporting period. Information and forms are available online at [www.kansas.gov/ethics](http://www.kansas.gov/ethics).

All campaign finance reports may be filed electronically at [www.kssos.org/elections/campaign\\_finance](http://www.kssos.org/elections/campaign_finance) . Candidates for statewide offices *must* file electronically. Completion of an Appointment of Treasurer form opens an account.

Candidates for national office file reports with the Federal Election Commission pursuant to federal law. Information is available online at [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov) .

Candidates for local offices file reports with the county election officer pursuant to KSA 25-4148 and 25-901.

**Deadlines for filing campaign finance reports**

**KSA 25-4148**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Period of Coverage</u>
January 10, 2014	January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013
July 28, 2014	January 1 through July 24, 2014
October 27, 2014	July 25 through October 23, 2014
January 10, 2015	October 24 through December 31, 2014