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*Cherokee County Commission Special Meeting for August 26, 2021*

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At 10:00 a.m. on Thursday August 26, 2021 Chairman Moates called the special meeting of the Cherokee County Commission to order in room #134 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Moates took the lead, and all attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District #2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3 Commissioner Corey Moates, visiting Labette County Commissioner Lonnie Addis, visiting Neosho County Commissioner Paul Westoff, County Attorney and Council to the Commission Nathan Coleman, County Clerk Kyle Rennie, Cherokee County Register of Deeds Barbara Bilke, Cherokee County Appraiser Dave Thornton, Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, Proprietor and reporter of the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt, and reporter for KSN/KODE 12 Steffen Reals both members of the press.

Cherokee County Residents Gary Drennan, Ronnie & Angie Ripple.

Wind Development Manager Garrett Ketchen and one associate representing RWE Renewables Americas LLC 701 Brazos St. Suite 400 Austin, Texas 78701. [www.rwe.com/usa](http://www.rwe.com/usa)

Commissioner Moates opened discussion with Commissioner Addis, "Do not get involved with windmills, if all 3 Commissioners are opposed to windmills, go to war against the windmill company".

Commissioner Westoff said, "The company should have notified the County Commission before approaching residents with Contracts" Commissioner Johnson: "I don't want to see them, live next to them, or hear them" County Appraiser Dave Thornton added there would be a 10 to 50% appraisal reduction of those properties where they are constructed and adjoining properties as well.

Commissioner Johnson: "It is my job to protect the residents of my County, If I make some residents mad, they can vote me out! But it is not happening on my Watch! "

More discussion on county road would be destroyed, the over-bearing noise, blinking red lights, wind turbines needing maintenance, and other undesirables.

RWE representative Garrett Ketchen: "We leave the roads in better condition then when we found them, it is a 30-year relationship between RWE and private land-owners, and decommission is the responsibility of RWE"

A Moratorium and Zoning were brought up and discussion followed.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 11:00 with County Council Nathan Coleman for Attorney/Client and to reconvene at 11:15. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:15.

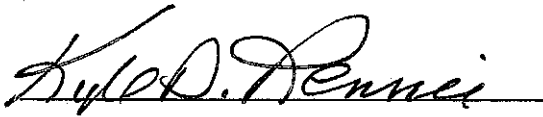
Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 11:16 with County Council Nathan Coleman for Attorney/Client and to reconvene at 11:30. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:30.

Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

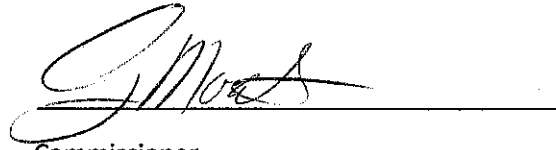
Meeting adjourned at 11:32

These Minutes were written by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

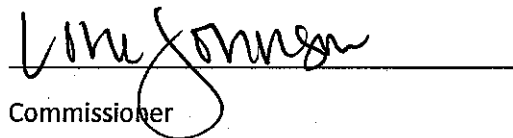
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021



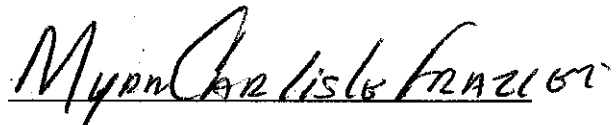
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