

Minutes for September 14, 2020

Cherokee County Commissioners

Cherokee County, Kansas

Commissioner Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 14, 2020 in room #34 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier opened with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, County Counselor Barbara Wright and Betty Morgan of the Clerk's office were present. Larry Hiatt, member of the press, also present.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the August 31, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Frazier second, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the September 4, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. Commissioner Frazier second, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the September 9, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. Commissioner Frazier second, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier suggested the following charges for vacating properties to recover cost incurred by the county: \$100 for advertising and \$100 splitting the property. The decision was made to revisit the issue at the next meeting.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the Matthew Kinsley lease. Commissioner Anderson second, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve the Bob Kirby lease. Commissioner Anderson second, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the Mike King lease. Commissioner Moates second, motion passed 3-0.

The decision was made to take sealed bids on the removal of the damaged excavator. Publication will be made this week with bid opening to be done on September 21, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta reported on County projects and informed the board about applying for exchange funds grant of approximately \$156,000. He stated he would bring in asphalt bills for Commissioner Anderson. Commissioner Frazier informed Mr. Vanatta about tree limbs in the ditch on SE 90th and on SE 110th around the site where previous culvert work had been done, settling has occurred causing vehicle damage. Commissioner Anderson asked that grading be done on SW 30th 2 miles south of 166.

Discussion was made on the issue of PPP Covid-19 pay for employees who are quarantined. As it is currently, 80 hours of pay is available. Any time taken beyond that would have to come out of vacation or sick pay or be time taken as FMLA (non-paid). The issue will be discussed further later.

Dale Helwig and Kristina Holmes reported that they have started disbursing SPARK funds. Mercy Hospital has informed Dale that they can have the new isolation room done by the December 30, 2020 cutoff date. Two new ambulances have been approved for Ambulance 1 & 2. He will no longer report about SPARK directly to the state. He will now report to SPARK Regional Director. The walking trail in Riverton is moving forward on the grant application which is 15% matching funds.

Commissioner Moates moved to renew the FEMA lease with Cory Bates. Commissioner Anderson second, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to renew the FEMA lease of Mike Barnett with his widow, Shelly Barnett. Commissioner Anderson second, motion passed 3-0.

Marc Potter was at the meeting to discuss the renewal of his FEMA lease that had expired in June 2020. After discussion about the condition of the property, the decision was made not to renew the lease.

Jason Allison related that he is applying for a grant for Emergency Operations Center.

Commissioner Neal Anderson had to leave the meeting at 10:10.

Tim Denniston with Camfil reported on a portable air purifier. He stated that it is 99.97% effective and originally designed for an isolation room (2500 cu. ft. and 500 cu. ft. per minute) at a cost of \$4800 with extra filters. Commissioner Frazier asked about a reference from someone using the purifier. Mr. Denniston to get back to her on that. The issue is to be revisited later.

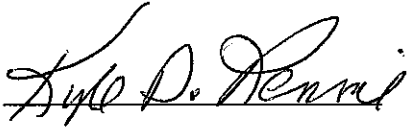
Commissioner Frazier made a motion to approve the lease with Amy French. Commissioner Moates second, motion passed 2-0.

Health Department Director, Betha Elliot, brought in paperwork for a new nurse. Commissioner Frazier made a motion to hire Hope Cole at \$18.00. Commissioner Moates second, motion passed 2-0. Betha Elliott also informed that her office was going to need a new battery backup for approximately \$500. Commissioner Frazier advised her that it was her purchase to make.

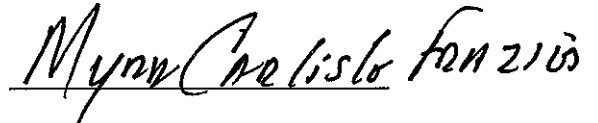
Discussion was made about what to do with the property not renewed under the Potter lease. There is a waiting list that is first come, first serve. The school may also be interested. Commissioner Frazier would like to implement an application process. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Commissioner Frazier made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Moates second, motion passed 2-0.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this September 21, 2020



County Clerk



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