

Minutes for July 20, 2020
Cherokee County Commissioners
Cherokee County Kansas

Chairperson Frazier called the regular session meeting of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order at 9 a. m. Monday July 20, 2020 in room 34 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk, Kyle Rennie were present. Larry Hiatt member of the press also present.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept and approve the July 13, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to appoint Jim Tunnel to the SEK Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta reported to THE BOARD he had received a reimbursement check from the state of Kansas for Federal Highway, to be deposited in road and bridge budget. Leonard updated THE BOARD on county road projects. Leonard submitted requests for rate of pay increases for two county lot employees, Rick Wammack, and Joni Hicks. After discussion Commissioner Moates moved to approve pay increase for Rick Wammack. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to deny pay increase for Joni Hicks. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 2-1. Anderson voted nay.

Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor, addressed THE BOARD, asking permission to purchase 12 new grader tires at a cost of \$980 each. THE BOARD gave permission to Louis to purchase tires.

Cherokee County Resident, Eddy Alford addressed THE BOARD asking to vacate Lawton roads. Commissioners taking it under advisement.

Economic Development Director, Janet Miller reported she had received 15 applications for CDBG Grant fund and had room for a few more. Janet also reported the state is wanting additional last minute information on all applications causing the application process to become slower.

Brian Hillier, Account Executive for Meritain Health presented an overview of current health plan.

Susan Lopez and Stacie Manbeck with Spring River Mental Health and Wellness approached THE BOARD requesting the County's endorsement of a grant the Center is applying for to assist clients with housing and utilities. The BOARD Chairman, Myra Frazier, signed the endorsement.

Commissioner Anderson moved to sign authorization naming Kansas State Research and Extension Service, 124 West Country Road, Columbus, Kansas administrators of the SPARK CORONA VIRUS RELIEF FUND PROGRAM. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to enter into contract with Kansas State Research and Extension Service securing them as administrators for SPARK CORONA VIRUS RELIEF FUND PROGRAM. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to break for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.
Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

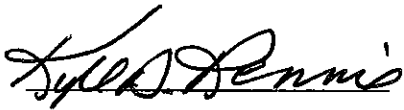
Brandon Kane and Ross Vogel representing Galena Estates Rural Housing Incentive District addressed THE BOARD. Vogel presented the history of RHID and Kane explained infrastructure reimbursement.

Review and discussion was held on proposed 2021 budget.

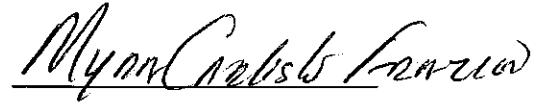
Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 2:46 p.m. with non-elected personnel County Counselor Barbara Wright for Pilot contracts and to reconvene at 3:03 p.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 3:03 p.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the next regular session July 27, 2020. Commissioner Anderson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this July 27, 2020



County Clerk



Commissioner



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