
Cherokee County Commission Meeting for August 30, 2021

At 9:00 on Monday August 30, 2021 Chairman Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus Kansas. Commissioner Johnson opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator and leading all attending at the open in reciting 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, County Attorney and Council to the Commission Nathan Coleman, County Clerk Kyle Rennie, Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook attending for the open. Reporter and Proprietor of the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt also attending the opening.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the August 23, 2021 Commission minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve the August 26, 2021 Special meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Report: Supervisor Cody Zook recommended to raise the rate of hourly wage for James Johnson to \$15.50/hr. from 15.00/hr. Cody Also recommend an hourly raise for Brian Blankenship to \$18/hr. from \$17.25 Cody presented question on asphalt. And submitted approval for a box culvert construction on NW Coalfield RD between 40th and 50th.

Commissioner Moates moved to raise the hourly wage for James Johnson to &15.50 from &15/hr. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to raise the hourly wage for Brian Blankenship to \$18.00 from \$17.25/hr. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion. motion passed.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 9:40 with County Council Nathan Coleman and Cody Zook for non-elect personal and to reconvene at 9:55; Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:55.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 10:00 with County Council Nathan Coleman, Sheriff Groves, and Attorneys Ed Keeley, and Ed Foulston for Attorney/Client, Via Telephone. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 10:40 with County Council Nathan Coleman for non-elect personal. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to adopt Resolution 11-2021 A Resolution recognizing K-Camps By-Law changes. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Chairman Moates signed the K-Camp documents.

At 11:00 Chairman Moates opened discussion on industrial wind turbines: Cherokee County Resident Leon King spoke about traveling to nearby counties to investigate and learn about both sides of industrial wind turbines.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 12-2021, a resolution to establish a moratorium providing for suspension of certain improvements on land within unincorporated area of Cherokee County Kansas. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

At 11:45 the Mayor of Weir Joe Tavenaro approached The Commission seeking funds from the ARPA for repairs for the city of Weir. The Commission will be taking it under advisement.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 12:02 with County Council Nathan Coleman for Attorney/Client and to reconvene at 12:15. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 12:15.

Commissioner Moates moved to break at 12:16 for lunch and reconvene at 1:00. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 1:05.

Gene and Matt Mense proprietors of Mense CPA Firm of Joplin Mo. (Auditors for Cherokee County) came before The Board to discuss and make final changes to Draft #3 of the Cherokee County 2022 proposed budget.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 2:25 with Noxious Weed Department Head Cord Mays for non-elect personal and to reconvene at 2:40. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

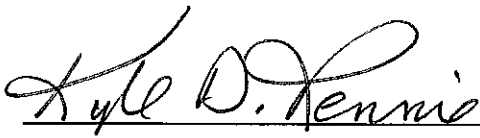
Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 2:45 with County Treasure and Noxious Weed Department Heads Raven Elmore and Cord Mays for non-elect personal and to reconvene at 3:00. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 2:40.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 3:28 with 911 Mapping Department Head Rebecca Brassart for non-elect personal and to reconvene at 3:45. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 3:45.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until Friday September 3, at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

These Minutes were written by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

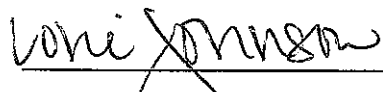
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this September 3rd, 2021



County Clerk



Commissioner



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