

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2015
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

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Chairman Napier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 AM on Monday, November 16, 2015 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Charles Napier, Pat Collins, Robert Myers, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Machel Smith, and Jordan Zabel

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of the BOCC Meeting for November 9, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Payroll for the month of November, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Accounts Payables item 89058 to the Office of Robert Myers for services rendered prior to becoming County Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Myers abstaining.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Accounts Payables for the month of November, 2015 with the exception of item 89058. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor

He appeared before the Board on routine county road business.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to enter an Executive Session with the Board and Leonard Vanatta for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of five minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:21 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:26 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Brent Hillier, Brian Hillier - Benefit Health Advisors

They appeared before the Board along with employee members of the Health Insurance Committee. They provided an update on the current health plan as well as information regarding the plan renewal set for January 1, 2016.

There are three carriers that have produced bids reflecting nearly a 10% decrease in costs for reinsurance. They would like to contact the three new ones as well as the current carrier and get their best and final bid and to lock in the best offer. They also recommend an increase in the vision coverage. They will stay with the Aetna network and add the "Local Best" provider discounts for additional savings. The wellness program will continue at no cost to the employees.

A motion made by Commissioner Myers to adopt the recommended plan changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to take a five minute recess. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:15 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 10:20 AM.

At 10:25 AM the Board recessed to the District Courtroom for the KAC Awards Ceremony to recognize county employees for their years of service.

The meeting reconvened at 10:45 AM in the Commission Room.

Commissioner Myers presented a map of the Baxter Springs Neighborhood Revitalization area for the NRP Plan as adopted by the City of Baxter Springs. The plan will provide for an adjustment to property taxes for a determined period of time for property in the area established by the plan. The City of Baxter Springs is seeking approval from the County and the School District.

The motion was made by Commissioner Myers that Cherokee County participate in the Revitalization Program for the areas indicated on the map as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myers voiced his concern over the cost of maintaining first aid stations and supplies. Sheriff Groves will review the issue and report back.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers that beginning with the January 8, 2016 cutoff date and payday of January 15, 2016 that the County convert to a bi-weekly pay schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Collins asked that the Board review the change in October 2016 to see how it's going. The Board will get with Mr. Coleman to take the appropriate steps to adopt a resolution to allow approval of payroll on the Monday following the payday on the previous Friday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to enter an Executive Session with the Board for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:15 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:30 AM.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Nathan Coleman - County Counselor

He appeared before the Board regarding legal matters concerning Cherokee County.

He will work on a resolution for the bi-weekly payroll that would authorize pay on Friday and approval the following Monday.

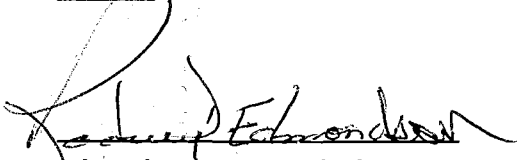
A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter an Executive Session with the Board and Mr. Coleman for the purpose of Attorney/Client Privilege for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:35 AM.

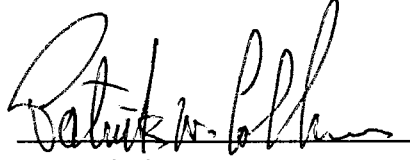
The meeting reconvened at 11:45 AM.

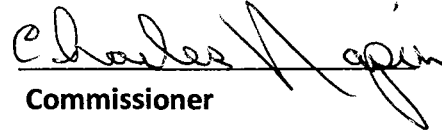
No action was taken during the Executive Session.

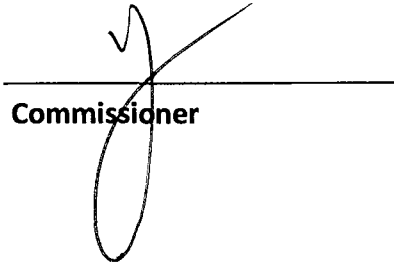
Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, November 23, 2015 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:46 AM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 23rd day of November, 2015


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


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Commissioner

