

Minutes for July 27, 2020
Cherokee County Commissioners
Cherokee County Kansas

Chairperson Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday July 27, 2020 in room # 34 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. County Clerk, Kyle Rennie 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 Moates moved to accept and approve the July 20, 2020 minutes Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the July 20, 2020 Sales Tax Planning Special meeting. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept and approve the July 23, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve payroll ending July 17,2020. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to accept and approve accounts payable. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 8:58 a.m. with non-elect personnel County Counselor, Barbara Wright, and County lot employee Joni Hicks for benefits and to return at 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action taken.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta updated THE BOARD on county road business and projects.

Matt Napier updated the Board on estimated costs of future maintenance needs for the special sewer district.

Economic Development Director, Janet Miller requested signatures from THE BOARD for the first CDBG grant payment. The first payment will be applied to the Meals Program.

Gene Mense, with Mense CPA Firm of Joplin, Mo. submitted the first draft of the Cherokee County 2021 budget. Gene reviewed each department budget with the BOARD giving account of no change, proposed increases or decreases. Gene also elaborated on possible loss of tax revenue if the Galena, Kansas Medical facility apply for tax exempt status, Gene also spoke about assessments and mill levies.

Cherokee County resident Eddy Alford addressed THE BOARD about vacating two Lawton roads. THE BOARD advised Eddy to consult a title insurance company to research the title of properties in question before any further action could take place.

Extension service agents Dale Helwig and Christina Holmes updated THE BOARD on the SPARK Funds Grant. Dale reported that applications with dollar amounts would need to be submitted to his office by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday August 5th.

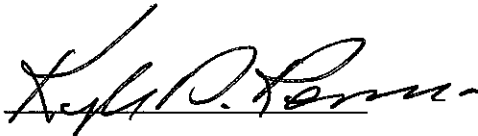
Commissioner Moates moved to adopt resolution 20-2020, COVID 19 LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session 11:41 a.m. with non-elect personnel County Counselor Barbara Wright for contract and to reconvene at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

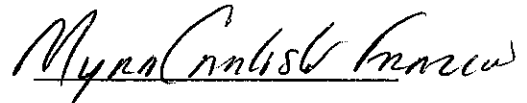
Commissioner Frazier moved to sign a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with Galena Estates. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to adjourn until the next regular session Monday August 3rd. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this August 3, 2020



County Clerk



Commissioner



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