
Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2021

Chairman Moates call the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order Monday February 22, 2021 in room # 109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District #2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3 Commissioner Cory Moates, County Counselor, Nathan Coleman, and Cherokee County Clerk, Kyle Rennie and Deputy County, Clerk Kaden Wimmer all in attendance. Proprietor and reporter of the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt also in attendance.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the February 8, 2021 Commission minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve payroll ending February 5, 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve payables in the amount of \$368,043.82. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed. 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve the February 16, 2021 Special Meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Cody Zook reported on tasks for the week of February 8, 2021 Cody held a brush cutter meeting, He also reported on the snow and ice removal, problems with county equipment and, planning into 2022. Cody also recommended to THE COMMISSION to hire Brian Blankenship as a mechanic at \$17.25/hr.

Commissioner Moates moved to hire Brian Blankenship into R & B department as a mechanic at \$17.25/hr. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 9:26 a.m. with non-elect County Counselor Nathan Colman and Cody Zook for Attorney/Client, and to reconvene at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:40 a.m. No action taken.

THE COMMISSION agreed to break until 10:40 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

Cherokee County residents Judy Messer and Allen Golden approached THE COMMISSION seeking help with a dispute about a neighbor encroaching on to her property over a period of time. After lengthy discussion, THE COMMISSION determined Judy should seek private council.

Lisa Dusenberry with Global life came before THE COMMISSION to follow up about on a previous presentation to offer life insurance policies to county employees.

Addison Tucker and Monet Straub both staff for US District Two Congressman Jake LaTurner came before THE COMMISSION to introduce themselves and offer their services to the residents of Cherokee County. Addison will be available to Cherokee County residents the first Monday of every month in the County Clerk's Office from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to help residents communicate with Congressman LaTurner on a much broader scale and to answer questions or address concerns they may have for the Congressman.

District #3 Ambulance (Baxter Springs) board member Casey Roberts discussed financial reports, calls, and general duties of Ambulance District #3.

Department Head Reports:

Emergency Preparedness: Jason Allison discussed upcoming policies

County Appraiser, Mark Hixon, reported the results of the 2020 appraisal/sales ratio study comparing 2020 appraised values with sales prices. Of the 13 commercial sales, the median appraisal level was 87.80 % and of the 193 residential sales, the median appraisal level was 88.73%. He stated that he did not believe the residential median being below 90% would be a problem, he did warn that commercial values being that low may present a minor problem in complying with the state requirements.

County Treasure: Raven Elmore reported since moving to Arvest Bank for county credit cards, Cherokee County has accumulated \$1000 in rewards. Ravens ask THE COMMISSION to consider moving some funds to capture higher interest.

911 Mapping: Rebecca Brassart along with Treasure Elmore has found a postage company that would save the county on postage and have better service.

Commissioner Moates moved to repeal Resolution 03-2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to adopt Resolution 04- 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed. 3-0.

Noxious weed: Cord Mayes reported on upcoming conferences and finding herbicides that would be more effective and could be purchased for less.

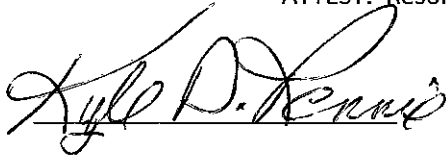
Courthouse Maintenance: Ralph Houser asked Courthouse employees to return estimates to him for a reaction on the finish of their vehicles caused by the Construction Co. performing maintenance on the outside of the Courthouse.

County Clerk: Kyle Rennie reported, it has been slow since the General Election." Kyle also added he and Deputy Clerk, Kaden Wimmer attended a Virtual KEDA legislative Day. He also reported on upcoming trainings. Deputy Wimmer reported he had created a Cherokee County Face Book Page. And exiting ideas for the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn until the next regular session March 1, 2021. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting Adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

These minutes Authored in Draft by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.


ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this March 1, 2021



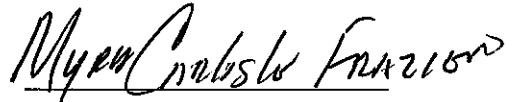
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