

MINUTES FOR JULY 29, 2019
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

Chairman Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 29, 2019 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Neal Anderson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Myra Carlisle Frazier, Neal Anderson, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt

Jim Burton updated the Board on the theft of the recycling trailer. He stated that the value of a new recycling trailer is \$16,627. The insurance company has depreciated the 2010 trailer down to \$10,142.47. They will subtract the \$500 deductible and issue a check in the amount of \$9,642.47.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2019 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business. Leonard stated that the deadline to submit an application for the Small Bridge Grant Program is August 16th. He stated that the bridge must have a low rating to be considered. It's an 80/20 match with county funds coming from the 190 Bridge Fund. The Board asked him to select a small bridge and submit it to KDOT for consideration. Leonard reported that the KDOT project on 20th & Brush Creek is going to have to go to condemnation. He stated that both property owners are requesting payment amounts that exceed what KDOT is going to pay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the payroll for the period ending July 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the accounts payable report for the period ending July 23, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

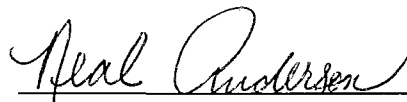
Gene Mense and Matt Mense of the Mense CPA Firm, LLC appeared before the Board to work on the draft budget for 2020. Gene stated that if the expenses were to remain the same as they are in 2019, the mill levy would drop by ½ mill. The Board worked the draft based on the budget requests that were submitted by each department. Gene stated that he would review the budget and work through the exceptions for the tax lid and would return next week to work a second draft.

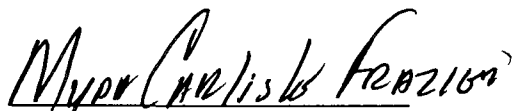
Jason Allison and Rebecca Brassart appeared before the Board regarding the potential merger of their departments. They discussed the structure of the departments and reviewed some of the applications for employment that were submitted. The Board approved the hiring of the person of Rebecca and Jason's choice.


Commissioner Frazier made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, August 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 12:43 p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 5th day of August, 2019


Commissioner


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Commissioner


County Clerk