
Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2021

At 9:00 a.m. on October 25, 2021, Chairman Moates called to order the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Chairman Moates opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator and leading all attending in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District Two Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3 Commissioner Corey Moates, County Clerk Kyle Rennie attending for the open. Proprietor Larry Hiatt and Reporter Jacob Spencer for the Columbus News Report also attending.

Attending after the open County Attorney and Council to the Commission Nathan Coleman and Road and Bridge Department Head and Supervisor attending after the open.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve for publish the October 18, 2021, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Report: Supervisor Cody Zook recommended to The Commission to hire Ross King as a Utility Operator starting at \$14/hr.

Commissioner Moates moved to hire Ross King into the Road & Bridge Department at \$14/hr. as a utility operator. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Cody also updated The Commission on the KDOT agreement 6-J.4 (bridge replacement on HW Coalfield), an accident on SW 90th, and remaining asphalt totals in each of the three Commission districts.

Cherokee County Extension agent Dale Helwig updated The Commission on Extension projects and business Dale also submitted written invitations to the November 4, 2021, dinner and swearing in of the Cherokee County 2022 Extension Board of Directors elect.

Commissioner Frazier moved to authorize ARPA funding to the city of Weir in the amount of \$250,000 for water and sewer updates and repairs. And to authorize APRA funding to City of Cherokee in the amount of \$10,000 for new sewer construction in Cherokee County for Pete's Truck Stop. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to adopt Resolution 16-2021. A resolution authorizing application of a retail liquor license in rural Cherokee County on 400 Highway East of the city of Cherokee. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 10:05 with County Council Nathan Coleman and County Treasure Raven Elmore for attorney/client, non- elect personal and to reconvene at 10:15 Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:15.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 10:17 with County Council Nathan Coleman and County Treasure Raven Elmore for attorney/client and to reconvene at 10:40. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:40.

Reports of Department heads: Register of Deeds Barbara Bilke reported on passports and office traffic. Courthouse Maintenance: Ralph Houser reported he is gathering information to put out for bid to replace heat and air units in the Courthouse. Economic Development: Janet Miller reported on local business expansion and an upcoming Cherokee County Youth Entrepreneur Fair 2022.

Commissioner Frazier moved to purchase a Veterans Day Add to run in the Columbus News Report remembering the Veterans past and present of the United States of America. Commissioner Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn until the special session October 27, 2021. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:55.

These minutes were written by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

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County Clerk