

AMENDED Minutes for March 2, 2020
County Board of Cherokee Commissioners
Cherokee County, Kansas

Chairman Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 2, 2020 in commissioner room #109, Cherokee County Courthouse, located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Neal Anderson opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, County Counselor Barbara Wright, County Clerk, Kyle Rennie were present. Members of the press present Larry Hiatt.

Commissioners Moates moved to accept and approve the February 24, 2020 minutes, Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Rod Zinn presented the final documents to approve the Plat Shawnee Green Acers, a housing division on Quakervale Road in Garden Lowell Township. Commissioner Anderson moved to accept and approve Plat Shawnee Green Acers into Cherokee County, Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Chairperson Frazier signed the document to accept Plat Shawnee Green Acers into Cherokee County.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta updated THE BOARD on county road business. Vanatta reported the new backhoe had been delivered Friday, February 28th, 2020 and it would be placed in the North East part of the county.

Shawn Stewart, Public Affairs Manager with AAA Kansas presented the 2019 Platinum Community Traffic Award to the Cherokee County Sheriff Department, with Sheriff David Groves accepting.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept the G&G construction bid in the amount \$5400.00, Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to compensate Auctioneer Jack Garner \$750 dollars for his service at the delinquent property tax sale which was held February 25, 2020 at the Cherokee County Courthouse. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 9:40 a.m. with non-elected personnel, and County Counselor Barbara Wright, for Policy, and to reconvene at 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9: 50 a.m.

Commissioner Frazier, opened discussion to combine the Galena, Columbus, and the Baxter Springs Ambulance Associations into one under the umbrella of Cherokee County Ambulance Association. With the intent of reducing cost. Doug Mogle, Ralph White, Toni Speith, and Wilfredo Blanco Diaz were in attendance for the discussion. After a lengthy discussion, Commissioners requested the four representatives be put on the March 9th agenda at 10:00 a.m. All agreed.

Commissioner Frazier moved to put a ½ cent sales tax question on the November General election Ballot. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. The continuation of the ½ cent tax would start January 1, 2021 and continue until December 31, 2032. The revenue raised from the continuation of tax would help replace revenue lost from the sale of the Galena hospital.

Ralph Houser, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, presented a requested for a pay increase for Janice Sandberg, Courthouse maintenance Assistant. Commissioner Anderson moved to accept the pay increase for Janice Sandberg. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Report of Department Heads.

Register of Deeds, Barbara Bilke, 15 new passports, 24 photos, and 2 photos for conceal carry

Health Department, Betha Williams, submitted written report stating her Department continues to track the Corona Virus.

Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Groves reported Jury selection starts March 10th for upcoming trial, and that they are working with Crawford County for officer training. Also, they are working with Galena High School for an up-coming mock car crash, to help students understand the consequences of impaired or distracted driving.

Human Resources, Deana Randel, had nothing new to report at this time.

Jake Conard, not present.

Economic Development, Janet Miller Director, stated that the Economic Development Committee is hosting the Cherokee County Youth Entrepreneur Fair March 5, 2020 at the Columbus Unified High School.

Emergency Preparedness, Jason Allison reported on upcoming statewide tornado drills.

Noxious Weeds, Logan Grant reported chemical prices will be down for 2020.

County Appraiser, Mark Hixon reported he has scheduled 35 hearings on the valuation notices that went out on February 24th.

County Treasurer's Office, represented by Heather Sapp, reported 341,939 dollars was raised from the February 25th delinquent property tax sale. All properties sold except for 4.

County Clerk, Kyle Rennie, reported on upcoming trainings and wanting to start the 2021 Budget process.

911 Mapping, Rebecca Brassart reported she had a question from the state about school district boundaries.

Commissioner Frazier congratulated everyone for their hard work that contributed to the success of the delinquent property tax sale.

Rebecca Brassart, 911 Mapping, submitted a .50 cent per hour pay increase for Dustin Groves, for completing his 6-month training period. Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve requested pay increase for Dustin Groves. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

County Counselor, Barbara Wright, reported all easements are official and valid on Watermelon Lane.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 11:23 a.m. with non-elected personnel, County Counselor Barbara Wright, for applications, and to reconvene at 11:47. Commissioner Anderson 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:47 a.m.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 11:49 with non-elected personnel, County Council Barbara Wright, for applications, and to reconvene at 12:10. Commissioner Moates 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 12:11p.m.

Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn, Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned. Next regular session March the 9, 2020.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 9th day of March 2020


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

