

Minutes for January 27, 2020

Board of Cherokee County Commissioners
Cherokee County, Kansas

Chairman Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners to order at 9 a.m. Monday, January 27, 2020 in Commission Room #109, Cherokee County Courthouse, located 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier opened with Prayer and The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Moates moved to approve the corrected January 13 minutes. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve payroll for the period of January 17, 2020. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

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

Commissioner Frazier addressed the Workman's Comp. issue in the Appraisers Department. Commissioner Frazier stated she would contact Senator Richard Hilderbrand to acquire additional information.

Commissioner Anderson asked Leonard Vanatta to view intersections 30th and Bethlehem and NW 50th and SE Clem Road to see if more rock is necessary.

County Lot Supervisor Louis Schreiner updated the Board on engine replacement on one of the maintainers.

Cory Moates moved to go into executive session for ten minutes at 9:38 a.m. with Leonard Vanatta, Roads and Bridge Supervisor, Louis Schreiner, Lot Supervisor, and Barbara Wright, County Counselor for non-elected personnel discipline. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:48 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Moates moved to grant Frank Heflin the remaining sick leave of Brad Oehme. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Frazier opposed.

Commissioner Frazier moved to grant temporary easement between Cherokee County and BSNF Railroad for construction on SE 20th and Brush Creek. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Joe Mooney, resident of Cherokee County addressed the Board with questions concerning a fencing issue with neighbor Margaret Radlund, also a resident of Cherokee County. Mooney stated he has tried for over a year to work out an agreement with Radlund in an attempt to build a fence on the property line. Even offering to cover cost and Radlund has refused all offers. Mooney is asking the commissioners

for help with this matter. After much discussion, Commissioner Frazier asked Mooney to obtain letters from other adjoining landowners to help in Mooney's effort.

Commissioner Frazier addressed the Board about the burial policy for unclaimed bodies in Cherokee County. Commissioner Frazier stated that Derfelt Funeral Home had increased their price of cremations from \$595 to \$1195. County Counselor Barbara Wright stated that burial of indigent unclaimed bodies becomes the responsibility of the county.

The Board took first read of Resolution 04-2020

Commissioner Frazier moved to adopt Resolution 04-2020, Rural Opportunity Zone. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Moates opposed.

Commissioner Moates moved to adopt resolution 05-2020 to allow Board Chairman Frazier to sign the newly amended inter-local agreement with the City of Baxter Springs. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Deana Randall, HR, asked the board for approval to purchase a new check printer, stating her printer is failing and needs to be replaced at a cost of \$1529.00

Commissioner Moates moved to replace HR's check printer at a cost of \$1529.00. Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Funds will be deducted from Courthouse line item.

Several Cherokee County residents were in attendance speaking on both sides of The Pit Bull Ban.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve first reading of the restricted draft of Pit Bull Ban. Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Raven Elmore, Treasurer asked for approval to pay a credit card bill in the amount of \$115.15. Commissioner Moates moved to approve the credit card payment in the amount of \$115.15, Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Gene and Matt Mense of Mense CPA Firm addressed the Board on the long-standing relationship with Cherokee County.

Commissioner Frazier moved to repeal 05-2020 because it was recorded on 01/17/2020. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Discussion was held on 2nd Amendment Sanctuary from those in attendance. Commissioner Frazier suggested an informational meeting perhaps with our Legislators.

Commissioner Anderson moved to adjourn, Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned 12:09 p.m. Next regular session February 3, 2020.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 03 day of February, 2020


Cherokee County Clerk


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Resolution No. 04-2020

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN
REPAYMENT PROGRAM

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS,**

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

Section 2. Cherokee County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,222.

Section 3. Cherokee County Commissioners hereby obligate Cherokee County to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

Section 4. Cherokee County agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any resident individual for five years, if the resident individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

Section 5. Cherokee County intends to enter into partnerships with Cities, Employers, and Foundations for the direct sponsorship of Rural Opportunity Zone Applicants. Sponsored Applicants must meet all qualifications of the ROZ program. All sponsorships will be subject to ROZ student loan repayment rules and regulations.

Section 6. The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly by Cherokee County and the State of Kansas shall be \$ 15,000. over a term of five years.

Section 7. Cherokee County shall allocate \$ 6,000. a year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. Cherokee County shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual basis and shall inform the State of Kansas of any changes to the annual allocation. Cherokee County shall submit their obligation in full to the Department of Commerce before the first day of September each year.

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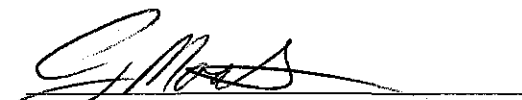
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Section 8: That all resolutions, County policies or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, this 27th day of January, 2020.


Cory Moates
Cherokee County Commissioner


Myra Carlisle Frazier, Chairwoman
Cherokee County Commissioner


Neal Anderson
Cherokee County Commissioner

ATTEST:


Kyle Rennie, Cherokee County Clerk

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