

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 12, 2016
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Vice-Chairman Collins called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 AM on Monday, December 12, 2016 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Pat Collins, Charles Napier, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present. Chairman Robert Myers was absent.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter an Executive Session for a period of five minutes for the purpose of Attorney/Client Privilege with Counselor Wright and County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 2-0 at 9:01 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:06 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor

He appeared before the Board on routine county road business. He reported that they are asphaltting on SE 110th St. today.

Carey Spoon from the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission appeared regarding the Galena Bridge Project. She stated that the project is ready to go for bids next month. The engineer says that milling the approaches at the same time as milling the bridge would be the easiest way to go. However, that wasn't included in the original grant application but it can be added as an alternative to the grant. There is no guarantee that KDOC will approve the request. The addition would exceed the original project estimate by \$3,800 which the county would have to pay if the request is not approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the change in scope of work request and to submit a Contract Amendment to the Department of Commerce for the CDBG Grant for the milling of the approaches on the Galena Bridge Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 2-0.

A copy of the Minutes showing the approval will need to be included in the grant file.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2016 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0.

Michael Cosgrove - Mercy Life Line

He appeared before the Board regarding their air ambulance services. The average cost of an air ambulance flight is \$25,000 - \$35,000. They are offering a group discount for Cherokee County employees. As members, they would accept our health insurance payment as payment in full with no additional cost to the employee. The cost of the group discount is \$49 per year and that covers

everyone in the member's family living at the same address. The membership would require a minimum of 10 participants and would need to be in one form of payment. This is usually done by payroll deduction. The Board asked him to get with Deana and to provide the employees with the information. He stated that he would provide her a flyer that can be sent to the employees.

The Board took a 10 minute recess at 9:50 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 AM.

Clerk Edmondson advised that there were no sealed bids received for the plotter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter an Executive Session with the Board and Counselor Wright for the purpose of Attorney/Client Privilege for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 2-0 at 10:14 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 10:24 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

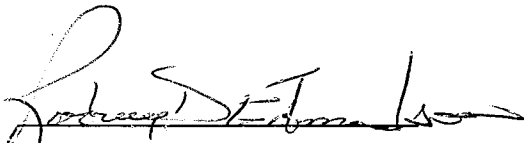
Jason Allison - Emergency Management Coordinator

He presented vouchers for payment on four of the flood buyout properties. He stated that they are complete and the CDBG funds should be here soon. The checks will be released to the owners as soon as the funds arrive. The Board signed the vouchers.

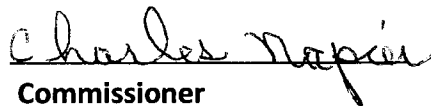
Ralph Houser presented a notice from Stockton Restoration regarding the schedule for 2017 to begin the outside maintenance of the Courthouse.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, December 19, 2016 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 2-0 at 11:04 AM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 19th day of December, 2016


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Commissioner


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December 12, 2016

Leann Thurman
KDOC
1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 100
Topeka, KS 66612-1354

RE: Cherokee County 16-PF-014 - Change in Scope of Work Request

Dear Ms. Thurman,

Cherokee County respectfully requests a change in the scope of work to allow for the addition of an alternative of milling the two (2) approaches to the County's current Bridge Reconstruction Phase II grant.

The current plan calls for 5" of old asphalt to be milled from the bridge deck, followed by resurfacing it with 1.5" of asphalt. The addition of the alternative, milling the two (2) approaches, would provide a smooth transition on and off the bridge by making them level with the bridge once it is resurfaced.

In the year and a half since the project cost estimate was first developed there has been a significant, unexpected reduction in the cost of asphalt. This reduction in cost has made the addition of this alternative financially feasible. The addition of this alternative would allow the County to utilize as much of the awarded monies as possible, should the construction bids come in as favorably as now anticipated, on this project. Estimated cost for the alternative has been determined to be \$15,731.00 by the project engineer.

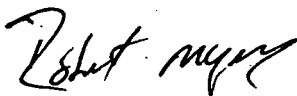
This request does not represent a significant change to the project, therefore an update of the environmental review is not required.

This request will not significantly change the construction schedule of the project. Construction on the project is scheduled to begin early Spring 2017 and be completed by early Fall 2017, four months ahead of the grant deadline.

As required, two originally signed Contract Amendment Request forms are enclosed for your reference.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert Myers
Chairman

Enclosures

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CONTRACT AMENDMENT/REQUEST #1

Grantee Name: Cherokee County Grant #: 16-PF-014
 Address, City, Zip: PO Box 14, Columbus, 66725-0140

Date of Request: 12/12/2016 **Check as Applicable:**
 Contract Award Date: 3/1/2016 **Time Extension**
 Current Completion Date: 2/28/2018 **Budget Amendment**
Work Scope

If requesting time extension, indicate amount of time needed to complete the project and give explanation below. Additional _____ months needed. New completion date _____.

For budget change(s), enter each line item -- **regardless of whether budget item changed or not.** If approved, this new project budget will supersede any previous budget(s).

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The amendment shall become effective on _____, 20____. All other terms and conditions of the contract or any amendments thereto, shall remain unchanged. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto execute this agreement.

Robert Myers
 Authorized Signature – Chief Elected Official

 Kansas Department of Commerce

Robert Myers, Chairman
 Typed Name and Title

 CDBG Program

12/13/14
 Date

 Date

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