

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8, 2016
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman Myers 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, August 8, 2016 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Robert Myers, Pat Collins, Charles Napier, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, and Jordan Zabel

The Board of County Commissioners convened at 9:00 AM as the Board of Canvassers for the purpose of canvassing the Primary Election that was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Appearing from the County Clerk/Election Office was County Election Officer Rodney Edmondson, Deputy Clerk Paula Cheney, and Susan Jones for the purpose of taking the minutes. County Counselor Barbara Wright was also present.

Edmondson and Cheney presented 46 provisional ballots for consideration to the Board of Canvassers. 24 ballots were recommended to be accepted, while 22 ballots were recommended to be rejected. Edmondson and Cheney provided a list of reasons and explanations for the recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to accept the 24 provisional ballots and to reject the 22 ballots as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

At 9:18 AM the Board convened in the Office of the County Clerk/Election Officer to run the accepted provisional ballots through the M100 ballot tabulation machine for counting. The Special Board, consisting of Supervising Judge Marcia Trease, Geneva Grubbs, and Shannon Perry, opened the sealed provisional ballot envelopes, removed the ballots, and inserted them into the M100 for tabulation. The same Special Board also tabulated by hand the write-in ballots that were included in the provisional ballots. The results were added to the final totals.

At 10:00 AM the Board reconvened in the Commission Room to review the final election results as presented by Edmondson and Cheney.

Edmondson stated to the Board that the results were a true and accurate account of the ballot count and vote totals in the Primary Election held on August 2, 2016.

Edmondson stated that in contests without a candidate on the ballot, no persons received the required minimum number of write-in votes to be declared a winner.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to certify the August 2, 2016 Election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to recess for 10 minutes, to reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:10 AM.

The Board of Commissioners convened at 10:20 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Minutes of the August 1, 2016 BOCC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Myers abstaining.

Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor

He appeared before the Board on routine county road business.

He stated that the opening of bids for a bridge replacement will need to be on the agenda for 10:00 AM on August 29th. Proposals for Project No. 20-F.7 will be accepted until that time and date.

He reported that on Friday, he closed a bridge located at SE Union Chapel Rd. between 22nd & 35th St. He stated that there is damage to the support structure and will need to be repaired before the bridge could be opened. The Board approved the request for emergency repair of the bridge.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter an Executive Session with the Board, Leonard Vanatta, and Counselor Wright for the purpose of Non-Elected Personnel for a period of 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:38 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 10:53 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Betha Elliott - Health Department Director

She appeared asking for approval to purchase window envelopes for the Health Department. She also asked to attend the 4-Corners Management Conference in December. She presented an invoice for the repair of their van. She stated that the County Lot couldn't fix it, so it had to be repaired at a dealership. The Board approved her requests.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to enter an Executive Session with the Board, Betha Elliott, and Counselor Wright for a period of 10 minutes for the purpose of Non-Elected Personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:59 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:09 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Jacob Conard - Assistant County Attorney

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter an Executive Session with the Board, Jacob Conard, and Counselor Wright for the purpose of Non-Elected Personnel for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:13 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:23 AM.

Clerk Edmondson stated that employees and department heads were asking what the policy is going to be for the selling of unused vacation time for the remainder of the year. After discussion, the Board requested that due to the current fiscal state of the County, that employees not sell unused vacation time through the remainder of 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to enter an Executive Session with the Board and Counselor Wright for a period of 20 minutes for the purpose of Attorney/Client Privilege. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:32 AM.

The meeting reconvened 11:52 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

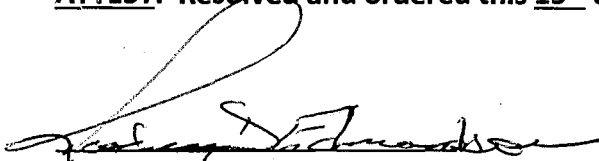
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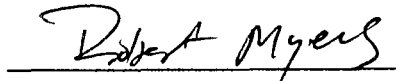
The meeting reconvened at 12:13 PM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

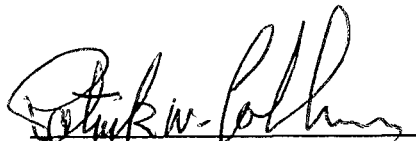
Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, August 15, 2016 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 12:19 PM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 15th day of August, 2016


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner



Rodney D. Edmondson
Cherokee Co. Election Officer
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Columbus, KS 66725
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Upon a motion by Commissioner Myers, with a second by Commissioner Collins, and a vote of the full membership of the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, thereon of 3 in approval and 0 opposed, the results of the Primary Election on August 2, 2016 are certified as accurate and true after the canvassing of the results. The Board of Cherokee County Commissioners consisted of Commissioners Charles Napier, Pat Collins, and Robert Myers, and under the consultation of Counsel Barbara Wright, determined that 46 Provisional Ballots were deemed reviewed. The final results were; of the provisional ballots, 24 ballots were accepted and 22 ballots were rejected. The accepted provisional ballots by the Canvassing Board were added to the vote count in their respective precincts in Cherokee County by Cherokee County Election Officer, Rodney D. Edmondson, on August 8, 2016. The document containing the final results was then submitted to the Commission on Monday, August 8, 2016 for signatures by the Cherokee County Board of County Commissioners, and Counsel Barbara Wright.

ATTEST:

Cherokee Election Officer

Commissioner

Deputy County Clerk

Commissioner

County Counselor

Commissioner


County Attorney


August 8, 2016
Date

Reasons for Challenged or Provisional Ballots

August 2, 2016 Primary Election				
Reason	CEO Recommended Action			
	Total	<i>Accepted (yes)</i>	<i>Rejected (no)</i>	<i>Challenged by Election Board</i>
Name Change	2	2	0	0
Residence Change	22	21	1	0
Citizenship	2	0	2	0
Age	0	0	0	0
Felony Conviction	0	0	0	0
Registration	2	0	2	0
Multiple Votes	0	0	0	0
Photo ID	0	0	0	0
Federal Voter - DMV Voter, No Proof of Citizenship	0	0	0	0
Primary Party Affiliation Rules	17	0	17	0
Misc: Clerical Error, city of residence wrong in database	1	1	0	0
Totals	46	24	22	0

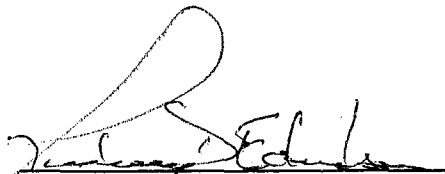
Total number of accepted Provisional ballots to be added to final report.

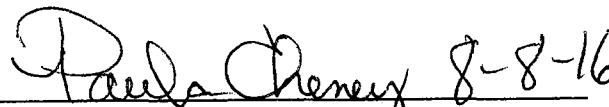

 Cherokee Co. Election Officer Date 8/8/16


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Provisional Ballots Canvass Tally Sheet

August 2, 2016 Primary Election								
Poll Site	Site Total	Prec. Total	Precinct	DMV, Fed Only, No POC	Provisional Ballots			
					Election Day	Early In-House	Mail Advance	Total
Baxter Springs	<u>8</u>							
			Baxter Ward 1	0	0	0	0	0
		3	Baxter Ward 2	0	3	0	0	3
		4	Baxter Ward 3	0	3	1	0	4
		1	Baxter Ward 4	0	1	0	0	1
			Sprg Valley/Sprg Valley	0	0	0	0	0
Center Christian	<u>3</u>							
		2	Lyon/Lyon	0	2	0	0	2
			Neosho/Faulkner	0	0	0	0	0
		1	Neosho/Melrose	0	1	0	0	1
Columbus	<u>5</u>							
			Columbus Ward 1	0	0	0	0	0
		1	Columbus Ward 2	0	0	1	0	1
		2	Columbus Ward 3	0	2	0	0	2
		2	Columbus Ward 4	0	1	1	0	2
			Columbus Ward 5	0	0	0	0	0
County Extension	<u>1</u>							
			Crawford	0	0	0	0	0
			Salamanca	0	0	0	0	0
			Lola	0	0	0	0	0
		1	Sprg Valley/Neutral	0	1	0	0	1
Galena City	<u>11</u>							
		1	Galena Ward 1	0	1	0	0	1
		5	Galena Ward 2	0	5	0	0	5
		5	Galena Ward 3	0	5	0	0	5
			Galena Ward 4	0	0	0	0	0
Galena Senior	<u>7</u>							
		2	Garden/Stanley Mines	0	2	0	0	2
		5	Lowell	0	5	0	0	5
Riverton	<u>7</u>							
		7	Garden/Lowell	0	7	0	0	7
			Shawnee	0	0	0	0	0
Roseland	<u>0</u>	0						
			Ross/Roseland	0	0	0	0	0
			Ross/Belleview	0	0	0	0	0
Scammon	<u>1</u>							
			Scammon Ward 1	0	0	0	0	0
		1	Scammon Ward 2	0	1	0	0	1
			Scammon Ward 3	0	0	0	0	0
			Mineral	0	0	0	0	0
Weir	<u>2</u>							
		1	Weir Ward 1	0	1	0	0	1
			Weir Ward 2	0	0	0	0	0
			Weir Ward 3	0	0	0	0	0
			Cherokee	0	0	0	0	0
		1	Pleasant View	0	0	1	0	1
West Mineral	<u>1</u>							
		1	Sheridan	0	1	0	0	1
			Ross/West Mineral	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	<u>46</u>	46	All Precincts	0	42	4	0	<u>46</u>


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