

**MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2015**  
**BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CONVENE**

Commissioner Hilderbrand 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, February 2, 2015 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Charles Napier, Pat Collins, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Machel Smith, Jordan Zabel

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of the BOCC Meeting for January 26, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

**Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor**  
**Gene Langerot - County Lot Supervisor**

They appeared before the Board on routine county road business.

Gene reported that the new dump trucks should be delivered this week. The Board approved a purchase order to Joplin Freightliner in the amount of \$602,666.36.

**Janet Miller - County Economic Development Director**

She presented a current list of members of the Cherokee County Economic Development Advisory Committee. The members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners, to serve two year terms that expire the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January of every odd-numbered year. She stated that all members are willing to serve another term on the Committee.

A motion made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to reappoint the current members as presented by Janet Miller. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. Motion carried 3-0.

She reported that KDOT has awarded \$785,000 for improvements to 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Baxter Springs.

**Larry & Gary Buckmaster - Tornado Tax Relief**

They appeared before the Board regarding last week's decision not to grant tax relief for the tornado damaged property that they now own. County Appraiser Kim Lauffer and County Counselor Nathan Coleman appeared at the request of the Board.

After hearing statements from everyone the Board determined that they were not in a position to grant any tax relief.

The Board referred them to the Court of Tax Appeals to address the issue of 2014 pre-storm values. If that value changes as a result of their appeal, then they will address this issue again.

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## **Department Heads - Monthly Reports**

They met with the Board for their routine monthly meeting with the following department heads present: Barbara Bilke, Register of Deeds; Betha Elliott, Health Department; David Groves, Sheriff; Deana Randall, Human Resources; Jason Allison, Emergency Preparedness; Kim Lauffer, Appraiser; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk; Wayne Elliott, 911 Addressing & Mapping.

Barbara Bilke - She provided a written report.

Betha Elliott - She presented a purchase order for two portable freezers for vaccines.

David Groves - He presented a quote from Secure Tech Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$13,020.00 to update the security alarm system in the courthouse. The upgrade would also allow the Health Department and possibly the County Lot to be added to the system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to accept the bid as presented, on the condition that each department participate in training on the new system and quarterly drills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Groves also reported that the AED and trauma kits for the courthouse have arrived. Those will also be incorporated into the training as well.

His department is once again participating in this year's "Polar Plunge" to raise money for the Special Olympics in Pittsburg on February 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. Anyone wishing to donate may contact the Sheriff's Office.

Jason Allison - He reported that February 26<sup>th</sup> is the storm spotter training. He is still waiting on the state funding for his department. It may be Mid-March before it arrives.

Kim Lauffer - She reported that two new employees will be coming on board. The Board approved her request for overtime for her department since she is short staffed. She reported that the exemption hearing for the medical property in Galena was postponed by the Board of Tax Appeals.

Rodney Edmondson - He reported that the candidate filing period has passed for the upcoming April 7<sup>th</sup> City/School Election. There are no primary elections needed in March.

Wayne Elliot - He reported the sale of \$112 in maps and the issuance of two new addresses. He made a request to have the newspapers mention the need to have residents register their storm shelters for mapping purposes. Owners are to be reminded that there is no property tax due on storm shelters.

### **Larry Sharp - KCAMP**

He appeared before the Board to review the County Insurance Plan. He reported that the five year average for the pool is 56%. Cherokee County has a five year average of 44%. Law Enforcement liability claims were a majority of the pools claims.

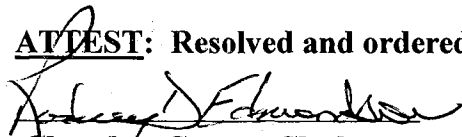
### **Nathan Coleman - County Counselor**

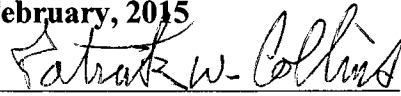
He appeared before the Board regarding legal matters concerning Cherokee County.

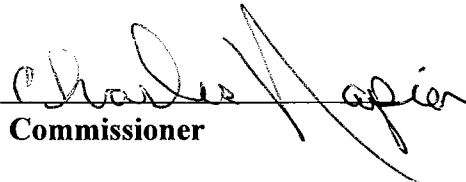
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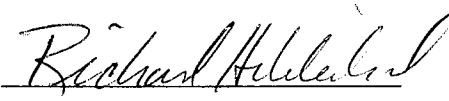
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for February 9, 2015 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:47 AM.

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
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# WAVE System Proposal for Cherokee Co, Kansas Courthouse Upgrade

September 2, 2014

Item	Description	Quantity	Cost	Total
1	WAVE Plus Control Panel	1	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
2	Single Button Duress Alarm	20	\$125.00	\$2,500.00
3	Virtual Button Duress Alarm (per computer)	30	\$65.00	\$1,950.00
4	Wireless Repeater	3	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
5	PA/Telephone System Paging Interface	1	\$750.00	\$750.00
6	Trade-in Allowance at 15%			-\$2,130.00
7	On Site Set-up and Training	1	\$950.00	\$950.00

\*\* Please note that this quote does NOT include state and local taxes at applicable rates

**Total      \$13,020.00**

## Key Features

- Wireless receiver can handle 900MHz wireless spread spectrum technology
- Control panel includes hard wired inputs/outputs for integration with other systems
- Email and Text Messaging options are available
- Virtual Network Point options are available
- Control panel includes touch screen for programming
- Includes backup battery
- No wires other than a 110 VAC outlet needed
- 110 Volt AC transformer included
- Control panel is locked with a key for security
- Two year limited warranty standard with all WAVE systems
- UHF/VHF radio is supplied with WAVE systems as standard
- Customer must provide a radio for each control panel if 800 MHz or any other non-standard frequencies are specified
- This quote is valid for six months from the issue date
- SecureTech's standard terms and conditions apply

Accepted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sam Brownback, Governor

January 28, 2015

Janet Miller  
Economic Development Director  
Cherokee County  
104 S. Kansas  
Columbus, KS 66725

Dear Ms. Miller,

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has reviewed Cherokee County's application to the Economic Development Program. I am pleased to announce Secretary King has awarded \$785,000 to help construct roadway improvements described in the application, which support ATEC Steel's planned expansion.

Please contact my office at your convenience to discuss next steps.

Congratulations on the award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Moriarty".

Mike Moriarty  
State Transportation Planner

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Wade Wiebe, Director of Partner Relations  
Jessica Upchurch, P.E., Special Projects Engineer  
Wayne Gudmonson, P.E., District Four Engineer  
George Dockery, P.E., Area Four Engineer  
Craig O. VanWey, Southeast Regional Project Manager

## Rodney Edmondson

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**From:** Janet Miller  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 2:12 PM  
**To:** Rodney Edmondson  
**Subject:** Economic Development Advisory Committee Members

Here are the names for appointment/reappointment to the Economic Development Advisory Committee. As per resolution 7-2013, all appointments expire on January 31, 2015.

Position #1 (Weir) - Amy Zortz

Position #2 (Scammon) - VACANT (We've identified a candidate and are working to get Scammon's okay. Will let you know if that happens before next Monday's Commission meeting.

Position #3 (Columbus) - Thomas Niegisch

Position #4 (Baxter Springs) - Brian Smith (replaces Don Snow)

Position #5 (Galena) - Dale Oglesby

Position #6 (Commissioner District #1) - David Nelson

Position #7 (Commissioner District #2) - Trish Carroll

Position #8 (Commissioner District #3) - Gregg Motley

Position #9 (Commissioner) - Richard Hilderbrand

Let me know if you need any more information from me.

Janet  
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### **Janet Miller**

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