# **MINUTES FOR JULY 14, 2014**

# **BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

# CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

# CONVENE

Chairman 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, July 14, 2014 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Pat Collins, Charles Napier, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Machelle Smith, and Thom Hanrahan

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Mid-Month Accounts Payables for July, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to retain the law firm of Fisher, Patterson, Sayler, and Smith to represent Cherokee County in connection with the proposed landfill and annexation issues in or near Galena. Commissioner Hilderbrand stated that he feels the Board has a conflict with County Counselor Kevin Cure, since he represents the City of Galena as their counsel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2014 BOCC Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Hilderbrand abstaining.

# **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; Jason Allison, Emergency Preparedness; Juanita Hodgson, Treasurer; Ralph Houser, Maintenance; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk; Wayne Elliott, 911 Addressing & Mapping; Nathan Coleman, County Attorney.

Barbara Bilke - She presented a handout detailing the loss to Cherokee County from the mortgage tax law changes.

Betha Elliott - She reported that the new generator at the health department is up and running. She is working with other departments on the new website and it is expected to go live on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

David Groves - He reported that with the passage of a Pseudo Ordinance by the City of Pittsburg, each city in the six county regional that has a Pharmacy has passed the Ordinance to control the sale of Pseudoephedrine. He has obtained an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine from the ambulance service that wasn't being used. It will be placed in the courthouse and personnel will be trained on the simple use of the machine. He stated that the City of Pittsburg has donated two police package patrol cars that were not being used by them, at no cost. They will replace detective vehicles that were to be replaced this year.



Juanita Hodgson - She reported that she is preparing to publish the real estate delinquent notice. Owners have until July 31<sup>st</sup> to pay delinquent taxes to avoid having their name published in the paper. 2,265 tax bill haven't been paid for 2013, that's 13% of the total. She reported that her staff has been working some Saturdays to get title work caught up.

Kristin Seal - She reported customer chemical sales of \$12,488.33 last month. She will be working the Farm Show this week along with Crawford County. She has mailed out two legal warning notices to landowners for not controlling their weeds due to complaints coming from adjoining neighbors.

Nathan Coleman - He has received information on the proposed landfill and is currently looking into the situation.

Rodney Edmondson - He reported that the Cancelled Voter List has been finished. 3,978 improperly cancelled voters have been made active again.

Wayne Elliott - He reported the issuance of one new address for a new house.

# Scott Thompson - Class LTD

He, along with Alan Yarnell and Cindy House, provided a summary of services from Class LTD. He reported that the demand for services is steady. 79 citizens were being served at the end of May. 25 children, 52 adults are currently being served. 27 are currently waiting for services. They also presented the 2015 Funding Request in the amount of one mill for the Board to Consider during the budget process.

# Sheriff David Groves, Under Sheriff Terry Clugston - Cherokee County Sheriff's Office

They presented a proposal to purchase three new patrol vehicles from the equipment reserve fund like they did last year.

They are requesting the purchase of Dodge 4-Door Pickups at a cost of \$24,648 each. The trucks are \$300 more than cars, but the trucks are lasting longer and hold a better resale price. The Dodge trucks are \$3,000 cheaper than Fords.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to purchase three Dodge pickups at a total cost of \$73,944 from Jay Hatfield Dodge out of the County Equipment Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

# Craig Vanwey - Kansas Department of Commerce

He appeared along with Economic Director Janet Miller to discuss the new Rural Opportunity Zone.

Cherokee County is now participating in the program, since being added by legislative action earlier this year. The program provides incentives in an effort to build population, either by tax abatement or student loan reimbursements. The student loan program would require a county resolution to enact. He will send a copy of a template to the Clerk for the Board to consider.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to enter an Executive Session with the Board and County Attorney Nathan Coleman for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of 15



minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:17 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:32 AM.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

# **Kevin Cure - Cherokee County Counselor**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to sign the Disclosures Statement from Steve Goehl with D.A. Davidson & Co. regarding the Refunding Certificates of Participation Series 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

He stated that in regards to taking sealed bids, if the opened bids are attached to the Minutes for permanent records, the bids are not required to be read out loud. He also stated that the bid request should have the language stating that the lowest and best bid would be accepted, and the right to refuse any and all bids.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter an Executive Session with the Board for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of five minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:51 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:56 AM.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for July 21, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:56 AM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, July 21, 2014

**Cherokee County Clerk** 

Commissioner

Commissioner



# **RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROGRAM**

# **State of Kansas**

**FY2014 Guidelines** 

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Rural Opportunity Zone Program facilitates the population growth of rural Kansas communities in 77 designated counties through the use of tax relief and student loan reimbursement. Under this program, qualified individuals could be eligible to receive Kansas state income tax abatements and student loan reimbursements provided by both the county and state on a matched basis.

The Director of the Business & Community Development Division of the Kansas Department of Commerce is responsible for the program. The Director establishes criteria, subject to the provisions of the statute, to determine eligibility of resident individuals.

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

The Kansas Legislature has designated 77 counties as Rural Opportunity Zones which means individuals who move into the county could be eligible for tax credit abatements and student loan reimbursements. The tax and student loan benefits are mutually exclusive; eligibility for one does not guarantee eligibility for the other.

**Income Tax Abatements:** Qualified individuals will receive a credit for the entirety of their Kansas State income tax liability for any year in which they qualify (see below) beginning in taxable year 2012 and ending in taxable year 2017.

**Describe Student Loan benefits:** Qualified individuals will receive student loan payments in equal shares over a maximum term of 5 years. The annual payments will be equal to 20% of the individual's outstanding student loan balance up to a maximum of \$15,000.

#### WHO QUALIFIES FOR INCOME TAX ABATEMENTS

In order to qualify for Kansas state income tax abatements a resident individual must satisfy the following conditions:

- Establish residency in a Rural Opportunity Zone county on or after July 1, 2011 and prior to January 1, 2016 after having lived outside the State of Kansas for 5 or more years immediately prior to establishing residency in the Rural Opportunity Zone County.
- 2. Earned less than \$10,000 in Kansas source income in each of the 5 years immediately prior to establishing residency in a Rural Opportunity Zone County.
- 3. Maintain residence in the Rural Opportunity Zone County for the entire taxable year for which the tax credit is claimed.

#### WHO QUALIFIES FOR STUDENT LOAN REIMBURSEMENTS?

In order to qualify for student loan reimbursements a resident individual must satisfy the following conditions:

- Establish residency in a Rural Opportunity Zone county on or after July 1, 2011 and on or after
  the date on which the Rural Opportunity Zone County opts to participate in the Student Loan
  Assistance component of the Rural Opportunity Zone program. Not all Rural Opportunity Zone
  Counties currently participate in the Student Loan Repayment program. For a complete list of
  participating counties please visit the ROZ page at www.kansascommerce.com.
- 2. Individual must have obtained an associates, bachelors, or post-graduate degree prior to establishing residency and applying for student loan assistance eligibility.
- 3. Individual must have a current outstanding student loan balance.

#### STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE PAYMENT PROCEDURE

The student loan payments will be paid on an annual basis. Rural Opportunity Zone Counties will provide 50% of the student loan payment with the State of Kansas providing the remaining 50% match. All student loan payments will be made directly to the appropriate lending institutions by the approved ROZ participant.

The individual will continue to make regular payments as required by their agreement with their respective lending institution. In the event that an individual pays the entirety of their outstanding student loan balance prior to receiving payment through the Rural Opportunity Zone program, the payment will be made to the individual.

# **HOW TO APPLY FOR ROZ BENEFITS**

Applications for ROZ benefits are accepted through the Kansas Department of Commerce Rural Opportunity Zone website. Complete the ROZ application form in its entirety and submit any requested supplementary documents.

The supplementary documents will be used to verify the application. Documents requested may include one or more of the following:

- Lease or ownership documents for home or living quarters
- Vehicle registration
- Admission to a licensed practicing profession in Kansas
- Acceptance or an offer of permanent employment

- Kansas driver's license
- Proof of voter registration
- Documentation of prior residence

#### EMPLOYER-SPONSORSHIP OF ROZ APPLICANTS

The Department of Commerce encourages ROZ Counties to partner with local employers to sponsor individual ROZ applicants. Employers are allowed to sponsor their employees and/ or hiring candidates for ROZ. This would mean the employer would provide the necessary ROZ funding for the ROZ County's share of the annual payment. Sponsored ROZ Participants are not subject to the "first-come, first-served" rule that is applied to the general applicant pool.

# Requirements:

- 1. ROZ County must notify the Department of Commerce of a planned Employer-sponsorship. Commerce will confirm the availability of State ROZ matching funds.
- 2. Sponsoring Employer must provide a statement to the Department of Commerce and the ROZ County that they will be sponsoring a ROZ Applicant.
- 3. Employer must agree as part of the sponsorship to pay the annual matching payment for the sponsor-employee or candidate for the full 5 years or for as long as the individual remains eligible for ROZ benefits in the County.\*

#### \*Notes

- 1. Employer sponsorships must be for 5 years, subject to ROZ recipient meeting ROZ eligibility requirement. Sponsorships will not exceed 5 years
- 2. Employers are not required to continue paying the ROZ matching payment for an employee that voluntarily terminates employment with the company.
- 3. ROZ applicants that move to a different county are no longer eligible to receive ROZ student loan repayment benefits.
- 4. Any ROZ matching payments made by the employer are non-refundable.
- 5. In the event the business ceases operations and the ROZ recipient continues to meet ROZ requirements, the ROZ applicant will be placed in the general applicant pool and awarded ROZ payments subject to the availability of county funds.
- 6. Employer-sponsors are not required to pay ROZ sponsorship if employment is separated from employment with cause.
- 7. Employer and County must notify Commerce of change in employment status
- 8. Employer and County must notify Commerce of change in residency location

Employer-Sponsors are encouraged to contact a tax professional to determine any possible tax benefits.

#### PRIVATE DONATIONS FOR COUNTY ROZ MATCHING FUNDS

The Department of Commerce encourages Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Counties to partner with local non-profit foundations to establish "ROZ Funds" to which private donations can be made. Donations to a ROZ Fund would then be utilized for the general ROZ applicant pool according to the established procedures.

## Requirements:

ROZ Counties that wish to pursue this option must do the following.

- 1. Notify the Kansas Department of Commerce when a fund has been established with a non-profit foundation. They must identify the partner organizations and the party responsible for soliciting donations.
- 2. Inform Commerce of the funding plan. The plan must answer the questions provided below.
- 3. County and non-profit foundation must assure Commerce that they will inform the donors that the donations will be applied to the general ROZ applicant pool and that applicants are chosen on a "first-come, first-served" basis.
- 4. County must confirm with Commerce that matching funds are available.
- 5. Non-profit foundation must include a disclaimer stating that the individual should consult with their tax professional to determine tax benefits of donation.

# Questions to be answered in Funding Plan:

- 1. How do the parties plan to solicit funds? Will they be doing so jointly or will one organization take the lead? How will they approach potential donors?
- 2. How and when will the funds be transferred to the county or economic development organization for ROZ matching payments? Will they be transferred on an "as-needed" basis, annually, etc.?

**Note:** Donations must be applied to the general applicant pool to be used on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Funds are applied to a ROZ County's waitlist first according to the order in which applications were received and approved. Donors are encouraged to contact a tax professional to determine any possible tax benefits.

#### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Normal office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Questions will be handled by telephone as scheduling allows. Questions may also be submitted by e-mail to <a href="mailto:ruraldev@kansascommerce.com">ruraldev@kansascommerce.com</a>. Every effort will be made to return calls and respond to e-mails in a timely manner.

For questions regarding completion of the *Kansas Rural Opportunity Zone Application form*, call the Business & Community Development Division at the Kansas Department of Commerce at (785) 296-3485. The mailing address is 1000 S.W. Jackson St., Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66612-1354.

For questions <u>regarding tax issues or the completion of the appropriate tax forms</u>, contact the Kansas Department of Revenue, Taxpayer Assistance Bureau at (785) 296-3070. Their mailing address is Kansas Department of Revenue, Taxpayer Assistance Bureau, P.O. Box 12001, Topeka, KS 66612-2001.

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July 13, 2014

Board of County Commissioners of the County of Cherokee, Kansas ATTN: Richard Hilderbrand, Chair 110 West Maple Columbus, Kansas 66725

Re:

Cherokee County, Kansas - Landfill Matter

FPSS File No. 1066.pending

Board:

Our firm looks forward to representing Cherokee County in connection with a proposed landfill in and/or near Galena, Cherokee County, Kansas. I write this engagement letter to set forth some terms regarding representation and relating to payment of attorney fees and costs.

1. Scope of Services. The County is hiring the Law Offices of Fisher, Patterson, Sayler & Smith, L.L.P., to represent you with regard to the above-described matter. Teresa L. Watson and I will be the attorneys at Fisher, Patterson, Sayler & Smith, L.L.P. primarily responsible for this matter and will provide those legal services reasonably required to represent the County's interests. We will take reasonable steps to keep you informed of progress and to respond to your inquiries. This Agreement will govern all future services we may perform for you.

Legal Fees and Billing. The County agrees to pay by the hour at the following rates for time spent on your matter: Partners \$175.00/hr., Associates \$145.00/hr., Paralegals \$80.00/hr., and Clerks \$45.00/hr. It is not possible to determine in advance the amount of time that will be needed to complete our representation in this matter; however, we will take all reasonable steps to keep the time required to the minimum necessary to adequately represent you.

2. Our hourly rates apply to all time we spend addressing your matter including court and/or administrative appearances, legal research, preparation and review of legal documents, preparation and review of correspondence, conferences and consultations with you, County officials and employees and others, and travel time. The fees are based strictly on our time spent and are not contingent in any way on the outcome of the representation. The County will also pay all reasonable expenses incurred by our firm in representing it in this matter including, without limitation, costs of copying, travel, costs related to the taking of depositions, and costs of experts, if any.

- 3. Billing Statements. We will send monthly periodic statements describing the services rendered, the charges therefor and costs expended. Payment is due upon receipt of each invoice and is delinquent thirty (30) days from the date of billing. Interest will accrue on delinquent payments from the billing date at the rate of 1.5% per month, and will compound monthly. In the event our firm incurs attorney fees, court costs, or other expenses, in collecting the amount due, the County agrees to pay all such attorney fees, court costs, and other expenses of collection.
- 4. **Discharge and Withdrawal.** The County may discharge our firm at any time. We may withdraw with your consent or for good cause. Good cause includes your breach of this Agreement, including nonpayment of fees, your refusal to cooperate with me or to follow advice on a material matter or any fact or circumstance which would render my continuing representation unlawful or unethical. Our withdrawal may be subject to court approval.
- 5. **Disclaimer of Guarantee**. Although we will make every effort to handle your matter promptly and efficiently according to the highest legal and ethical standards, we make no guarantee as to the outcome. You acknowledge that I have made no guarantee regarding the disposition or results of any phase of this matter, and all expressions relative thereto are only my opinion as a lawyer. In addition, you acknowledge that I have represented the total fees and costs regarding your matter are difficult to determine at this time.
- 6. **Effective Date.** This Agreement will take effect on the date I first performed services. Even if this Agreement does not take effect, the County will be obligated to pay the reasonable value of any services performed.
- 7. **File Destruction.** The County is free to pick up the file maintained by our firm relative to our representation of you in this matter at any time. However, if the file is not picked up within two (2) years from the date our firm sends you a letter indicating we are closing the file, it is our firm's general policy to destroy the file, and all of its contents. By approval of this letter agreement, you are consenting to our destruction of your file, and all of its contents, should our firm choose to do so, after one year has passed from the date our firm sends you a letter indicating we are closing the file.

If your understanding is as set forth herein, please have the Board approve and the Board Chair sign the original of this letter where indicated and return it to our offices. The copy of this letter Agreement is for your files.

Sincerely,

David R. Cooper

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DRC:lmh

BOCC Cherokee County July 13, 2014 Page 3

On behalf of Cherokee County, the terms of this letter agreement are accepted this date.

Date: 7-14-2014

By: Chair, Board of County Commissioners



June 25, 2014

Cherokee County, Kansas 110 W. Maple Columbus, Kansas 66725

Attn: Cherokee County Commission

Re: Disclosures by D.A. Davidson & Co. as Underwriter/ Senior Managing

Underwriter Pursuant to MSRB Rule G17 Refunding Certificates of Participation

Series 2014 Non-binding

Cancelable at any time by either party

Non-exclusive

#### Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to provide you, as the Commission of Cherokee County, Kansas ("Issuer"), with certain disclosures relating to the captioned bond issue ("Bonds"), as required by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) Rule G-17 as set forth in MSRB Notice 2012-25 (May 7, 2012).

The Issuer has engaged Davidson & Co. (hereinafter referred to as "Davidson" or "underwriter") to serve as an underwriter, and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

As part of our services as underwriter/senior managing underwriter, Davidson may provide advice concerning the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the issuance of the Bonds

#### Disclosures Concerning the Underwriters Role:

- (i) MSRB Rule G-17 requires an underwriter to deal fairly at all times with both municipal issuers and investors.
- (ii) The underwriters' primary role is to purchase the Bonds with a view to distribution in an arm's-length transaction with the Issuer. The underwriters financial and other interests that may differ from those of the Issuer.
- (iii) Unlike a municipal advisor, the underwriters do not have a fiduciary duty to the Issuer under the federal securities laws and are, therefore, not required by federal law to act in the best interests of the Issuer without regard to their own financial or other interests.
- (iv) The underwriters have a duty to purchase the Bonds from the Issuer at a fair and reasonable price, but must balance that duty with their duty to sell the Bonds to investors at prices that are fair and reasonable.

(v) The underwriter will review the official statement for the Bonds in accordance with, and as part of, their respective responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction.

# Disclosures Concerning the Underwriters Compensation:

As underwriter, Davidson will be compensated by a fee and/or an underwriting discount that will be set forth in the bond purchase agreement to be negotiated and entered into in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Payment or receipt of the underwriting fee or discount will be contingent on the closing of the transaction and the amount of the fee or discount may be based, in whole or in part, on a percentage of the principal amount of the Bonds. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it presents a conflict of interest since the underwriter(s) may have an incentive to recommend to the Issuer a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of the transaction be larger than is necessary.

# Additional Conflicts Disclosure:

Davidson has not identified any additional potential or actual material conflicts that require disclosure.

Since Davidson has not recommended a "complex municipal securities financing" to the Issuer, additional disclosures regarding the financing structure for the Bonds are not required under MSRB Rule G-17. However, and in accordance with the requirements of MSRB Rule G-17, if Davidson recommends a "complex municipal securities financing" to the Issuer, this letter will be supplemented to provide disclosure of the material financial characteristics of that financing structure as well as the material financial risks of the financing that are known to us and reasonably foreseeable at the time.

If you or any other Issuer officials have any questions or concerns about these disclosures, please make those questions or concerns known immediately to the undersigned. In addition, you should consult with the Issuer's own financial and/or municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent you deem appropriate.

It is our understanding that you have the authority to bind the Issuer by contract with us, and that you are not a party to any conflict of interest relating to the subject transaction. If our understanding is incorrect, please notify the undersigned immediately.

We are required to seek your acknowledgement that you have received this letter. Accordingly, please sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter to me either via email or to the address set forth above. Depending on the structure of the transaction that the Issuer decides to pursue, or if additional potential or actual material conflicts are identified, we may be required to send you additional disclosures regarding the material financial characteristics and risks of such transaction and/or describing those conflicts. At that time, we also will seek your acknowledgement of receipt of any such additional disclosures.

We look forward to working with you and the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Thank you.

Sincerely,

D. A. DAVIDSON & CO.

Steve Goehl

Acknowledgement of receipt:

CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

Date:

By:

Cherokee County Commission



1200 Merle Evans Drive • P.O. Box 266 • Columbus, Kansas 66725

# Funding Request to Cherokee County Commission for 2015

CLASS LTD's mission is to partner with people of all abilities in order for them to discover their potential and shape their own future.

Our Vision is to be in the forefront of innovative, progressive services and advocacy, and is committed to partnering with others with similar missions and values.

CLASS LTD is requesting Cherokee County Commission to allocate one-mill for services for children and adults with developmental disabilities living in this county. We are very appreciative of Cherokee County's continued financial support that provides for many needed community disability services.

The financial support CLASS LTD receives from our counties along with staff dedication to the people we serve made it possible for us to continue services for all individuals who lost funding. The services we provide enable our clients to safely and successfully live and work in their communities.

CLASS LTD has provided much needed services for children and adults with developmental disabilities for more than 35 years. The individuals we work with have grown in independence as a result of our services, therefore less dependent on governmental funding. We have prevented unnecessary institutionalization in a number of situations and worked to keep families together. We assist our clients to find and keep jobs and to live successfully in their community. To continue to obtain these positive outcomes requires a partnership with the County Commission as well as with our state funding sources. The need for county funding includes:

- Subsidy for our transportation services
- Funding for persons who have a intellectual disability but do not meet the state's eligibility criteria
  - o Job coaching to find and retain employment
  - o In-home supports to remain living in their homes
  - o Crisis management
- Local match for state and federal grants, i.e., accessible housing, transportation
- Infrastructure such as information technology and other equipment and supplies

## CLASS LTD's Commitment to Cherokee County Commission:

- 1. Maintain full licensure by Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS).
- 2. Serve or arrange to serve Cherokee County citizens with developmental disabilities.
- 3. Provide services according to individualized lifestyle choices to the extent possible.
- 4. Obtain an average satisfaction rating from persons receiving services of at least 90%.
- 5. Provide family members (including siblings) of persons with developmental disabilities the related supports they need and request.
- 6. Create job opportunities for persons served by CLASS LTD.
- 7. Expand valued activities to people with developmental disabilities including those who are or becoming elderly that will enhance their quality of life.
- 8. To promote health and wellness initiatives for staff and persons we serve.
- Develop and maintain a network of community services for individuals with developmental disabilities by affiliating with, assisting and monitoring all organizations providing such services in Cherokee County.

# **CLASS LTD Cherokee County Services:**

CLASS LTD provided services to 79 individuals from July 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014. It is projected that services will be provided to 81 Cherokee County individuals by the end of the next fiscal year.

Waiting List for Cherokee County

27 Children and Adults waiting for

services

Currently serving: 25 children

52 adults

= 77 Total

#### **CLASS LTD Services Has Positive Outcomes:**

Satisfaction ratings for 2013:

100% Community Employers with CLASS LTD Employment Services

99% Families and Guardians regarding CLASS LTD Services

100% Individuals receiving Case Management Services

83% Individuals receiving Community Employment Services

100% Individuals receiving Organizational Employment Services

100% Individuals receiving Residential Services

### **CLASS LTD Contributes to our Communities:**

- CLASS LTD employed 54 staff in Cherokee County as of June 30, 2014, with cumulative annual wages of approximately \$983,000.
- · Provides information and referral for families with members with disabilities
- Provides community education on disability issues
- Assists with transition of students to post school life, including jobs
- Makes meeting and training space available to community groups
- Encourages staff members to become involved in community and civic organizations and local government

- Can meet the needs of local employers for workers
- Clients and staff participate in a variety of community activities:
  - Volunteer with the nursing home
  - "Free Store"
  - Meals on Wheels
  - Horses of Hope
  - Adopted a local family at Thanksgiving/Christmas-time, held various canned food drives for local food bank
  - Baxter Ambulance Association
  - Relay for Life
  - Members of churches, Alter Society, and/or Officers
  - Softball leagues
  - · Coin Club
  - Cherokee County Fair
  - Columbus and Baxter Chambers of Commerce
  - PACCC
  - Special Olympics

# **CLASS LTD Services Locations in Cherokee County:**

Administrative Office

1200 Merle Evans Drive

Day Program

315 N. East Ave

Triplex

115 S. Illinois

Quadplex

1215 E. Walnut

## **CLASS LTD Board of Directors in Cherokee County:**

Doug Gatewood

Jason Hulvey

Brett Warstler

Christina Warner

On behalf of the clients, staff and Board of Directors of CLASS LTD, I want to thank you for your continued interest in and support of persons with developmental disabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Thompson President/CEO