

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2018**BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS****CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS****CONVENE**

Chairman Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Neal Anderson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt and Jordan Zabel

Counselor Wright reported that she has confirmed with Auctioneer Jack Garner to hold the auction for unwanted County owned real property on May 7th at 5:30 p.m. in the District Courtroom.

Kyle Rennie and Jack Getman, representing the Cherokee County Farm Bureau Association, appeared before the Board. They extended an invitation for the Board to attend the Cherokee County Farm Bureau's Annual Legislative Dinner to be held on Saturday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m. They also stated that on September 15th they will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the organization.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business. They stated that crews worked Saturday and Sunday treating the icy roads. Commissioner Anderson stated that NW 10th St. north of Belleview is in need of repair. Leonard stated that they can get rock hauled in just as soon as he gets the spreaders off of some of the trucks. Commissioner Moates stated that 5th St. in Baxter Springs has been surveyed and staked by the survey company. Leonard stated that they will need to get more ice control as they have used quite a bit this winter. The Board discussed the possibility of working with the City of Baxter Springs to keep a supply of ice treatment at their city equipment lot to be used during bad weather. Commissioner Moates stated that he would visit with their city council about the idea.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the payroll for the period ending February 2, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the accounts payable for the period ending February 8, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Counselor Wright presented Inter-local Agreements for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program to be submitted to the seven school districts and seven cities in Cherokee County for their consideration. The proposals have a 90 day response deadline from those agencies.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to have the Clerk mail the proposed Inter-local Agreements as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Moates stated that he is going to attend the Baxter Springs School Board Meeting tonight. They are discussing the KDOT project to install a traffic signal with timers and sensors at the entrance to the Baxter Springs High School. KDOT will not provide any funding, so the school district is looking to raise funds for the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to donate funds not to exceed \$50,000 for the installation of a traffic control device on timers and sensors at the entrance of the Baxter Springs High School. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Moates provided an update on the fire district proposal following the public meeting last Thursday night between the fire chiefs and the township board members. He stated that the township boards want to retain control of funding for fire protection and doesn't want the county to take control. It was agreed that the fire chiefs would arrange meetings with the township boards in an attempt to increase the funding for the fire departments. All meetings should happen before the public hearing that has been set for March 12th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2018 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to pay \$10,000 to the Veteran's Memorial project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:28 a.m.


The meeting reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

Ralph Houser appeared before the Board regarding excess office furniture and cabinets that is taking up space everywhere. He suggested having an auction or sale to dispose of the unwanted property. The Board set May 7th to have an auction at the courthouse, the same day as the sale of unwanted county owned real property. Ralph will get a list of items so Counselor Wright can prepare a sale bill.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, February 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:56 a.m.

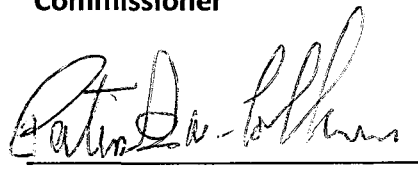
The Board will not meet on Monday, February 19, 2018 due to the Presidents' Day holiday.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 26th day of February, 2018


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

