

Minutes for August 3, 2020
Cherokee County Commissioners
Cherokee County Kansas

Chairwoman Frazier called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday August 3, 2020 in room # 34 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Moates opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, County Counselor Barbara Wright, County Clerk, Kyle Rennie were present. Member of the press Larry Hiatt also present.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve the July 27, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to gift retiring employees with 15 years to-1 day less than 20 years of service to Cherokee County, a \$50 dollar gift card, and retiring employee 20 years or more, a \$100 dollar gift card. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta addressed THE BOARD reporting on county road business and projects.

County Lot Supervisor, Louis Schreiner reported he had 1 mechanic quitting, and 1 application from an individual for a mechanic position.

County Treasure Raven Elmore reported Arvest Bank of Pittsburg contacted her office presenting a credit card plan that would benefit the County more than the current credit card plan. Raven asked consent to move forward with the Arvest Bank credit card plan.

Commissioner Frazier moved to have Raven transition into the credit card plan with Arvest Bank. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to have County Counselor, Barbara Wright draft a resolution to close the 099 Warrant Fund, Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

County Treasure Raven Elmore reported there has not been any claims for the unclaimed money totaling \$11,905.05 dating back to 1987, and no claims for the unclaimed estates totaling \$157,756.07 and that it would have to be turned over to the State of Kansas if there were no claims.

Commissioner Moates moved to send the unclaimed property to the State of Kansas. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Wayne Gudmanson, George Dockery, and Kristi Kelly with the Kansas Department of Transportation updated THE BOARD on a future Highway project the 166 exchange. Then received questions.

Commissioner Frazier opened the Public Hearing to vacate Lawton Roads 215 Oak and 316 Quill Lane at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Frazier closed Public Hearing to vacate Lawton at 10:05 a.m.

Commissioner Frazier moved to have County Counselor, Barbara Wright draft a resolution to vacate said Lawton roads Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

County Extension agents Dale Helwig and Christina Holmes updated THE BOARD on SPARK Grant applications. Dale reported they are receiving many applications, with District Court requesting \$8000 dollars for COVID-19 related reimbursements and \$146,000 for COVID plan.

Economic Director Janet Miller reported to THE COMMISSION she has a list CDBG-CV Business Grant Applications ready to be awarded as follows,

Magna Spes LLC \$1250, Spirit Elite Cheer \$2000, Cutting Company Between Friends \$2500, Columbus Bait and Tackle \$5000, Norma's Dinner, On Golden Paws, \$5000, Pinnegar Construction \$5000, Route 66 Automotive Solutions LLC, \$5000, The Copper Lilly \$5000, The Ritz \$5000, Titan Liquidators \$5000, Carpino Subway One \$10,000, Galena DQ Grill & Chill Glow Enterprise, LLC \$10,000, Sweet Creek \$10,000. Total \$75,750.

Pending Applicant: Los Lunas Mexican Restaurant, Inc

Ineligible Applicant: Red Ball Grill, Bolin Logistical Solutions, and O' Brian Rock Co. Inc.

Commissioner Frazier moved to award said businesses with their CDBG-CV grant request. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to have Chairperson Frazier sign level of reviews for the same said businesses Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Dr. Brian Smith, Superintendent of #493 School District, representing all school districts of the county addressed THE BOARD requesting to school districts decide to opt out the Governor's executive order 20-59.

After discussion Commissioner Moates moved to have County Counselor draft a resolution allowing School Districts to opt out of executive order 20-59. Commissioner Anderson 2nd, motion passed 2-1 Commissioner Frazier opposed.

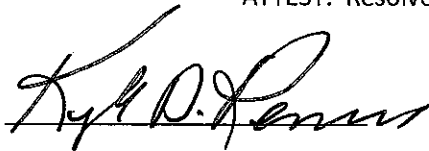
Chairwoman Frazier asked County Clerk Kyle Rennie to email Mense CPA firm the following 2021 sewer budget proposal: \$54,000 annual payment, \$ 40,000 wages, \$45,000 repairs, \$10,425 delinquency rate. For a total of \$149,425

Emergency Preparedness Director, Jason Allison presented THE BOARD an invoice for repairs for the siren at the Down Stream Casino in the amount of \$8,134.34. The repair will be added to the payables to be presented in the August 10 ,2020 regular session.


Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 12:33 p.m. with non- elect personnel County Counselor Barbara Wright, maintenance department staff Ralph Houser and Janice Sandburg for discipline and to reconvene at 12:50 p.m. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m. no action taken.

Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn until the next regular session August 10,2020. Commissioner Frazier 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

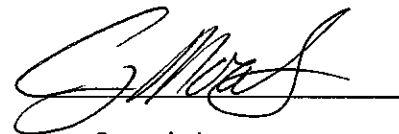
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this August 10, 2020



County Clerk



Commissioner



Commissioner

