

MINUTES FOR JUNE 28, 2010
COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

Cherokee County Commissioners met June 28, 2010. Those present were Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Pat Collins, and Jack Garner. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the amended minutes for June 21, 2010 as presented by County Clerk Crystal Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand, and all three commissioners voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for Attorney/Client Privilege for thirty minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Collins, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 2:10 PM and returned at 2:43 PM.

MOTIONS AND DOCUMENTS SIGNED BY THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the Cherokee County Extension Council Budget for 2011, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all three voted in favor. Commissioner Hilderbrand signed off on the document. Cherokee County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the Certification for the State.

Commissioner Hilderbrand signed off on Grant Certification for the Cherokee County Health Department.

Commissioner Hilderbrand and County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the Transient Tax Agreement for Cherokee County for 2010.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess for ten minutes, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. They recessed at 10:20 AM and returned at 10:45 AM.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to recess for lunch, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION 8-2010 - A POLICY FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT MAKING IT A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all voted in favor. Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and Garner, and Cherokee County Clerk Gatewood signed the document.

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Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the budget for the 11th Judicial District for the amount of \$266,800.00 for 2011, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all voted in favor.

Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand signed off on salary agreements for Candace Gayoso and newly appointed Assistant County Attorney John Gutierrez.

OTHER BUSINESS

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Leonard Vanatta, and Gene Langerot came before the commissioners and they discussed general road maintenance. Leonard Vanatta was also given the approval by the commission to submit a request for an extension for the Galena Viaduct Project. Gene Langerot reported the County Lot held a safety meeting early this morning and KWORK was presenter; Gene reported everyone was in attendance and it went well. Gene also reported the Excavator needed a new air conditioner compressor, so he ordered a new one. The commission discussed the new dump trucks which will come in sometime in September of this year.

Keith Johnson of Colonial Life came before the commission to discuss benefit opportunities for the employees of the county. The commission thanked him for his proposal but no decisions were made.

Auditor Gene Mense came before the commission to report on the County General Fund, Elected Officials and other Office Heads were in attendance. Mr. Mense reported that if the General Fund spending stays at the same rate for the rest of the year, the projected balance at the end of the year will be \$6,539.00 and overall the general fund funding was in good shape according to his projections. Commissioner Hilderbrand thanked the Office Heads for staying on track with their spending and he thanked everyone for all their help.

OPENED BIDS - 11:00 AM - GALENA BRIDGE VIADUCT IMPROVEMENTS

Cherokee County Clerk Gatewood opened the construction bids submitted for the bridge improvements, those submitted were:

Beachner Construction - \$405,588.00
PO Box 128
St. Paul, Ks 66771

Mission Construction - \$286,333.00
PO Box 321
St. Paul, Ks 66771

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to table the bids for the Galena Viaduct Project, his motion died without a second.

Commissioner Garner made a motion to approve the bid from Mission Construction for \$286,333.00 (\$30,000.00 of the approved amount is grant funds and the remainder amount of \$256,333.00 will be paid out of the Special Bridge Fund), his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins and Garner voting in favor and Commissioner Hilderbrand voting no.


The commission accepted Mission Construction for \$286,333.00 for the project.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Garner made a motion to adjourn at 3:51 PM, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor. No Commissioner Meeting will be held on July 5, 2010 due to the observance of the July 4th holiday. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held July 12, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

Resolved and ordered this day July 12, 2010


Cherokee County Clerk
Commissioner
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Commissioner