

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
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, September 8, 2014 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, Thom Hanrahan

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2014 BOCC Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Hilderbrand reported that he has spoken with Legal Counsel David Cooper. There are no new updates regarding the proposed landfill. Cooper is going to review the resolution from Carl Hayes regarding the update to the Solid Waste Management Plan prior to the Board's consideration.

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

They appeared before the Board on routine county business.

Leonard reported that they will begin hauling asphalt for the City of Columbus on Thursday.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter an Executive Session with the Board, Leonard Vanatta, and Gene Langerot for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:32 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:42 AM.

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

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; Kristin Seal, Noxious Weeds; David Groves, Sheriff; Deana Randall, Human Resources; Jason Allison, Emergency Preparedness; Juanita Hodgson, Treasurer; Ralph Houser, Maintenance; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk; Wayne Elliott, 911 Addressing & Mapping.

Betha Elliott - She announced that flu shots will begin on October 1st.

David Groves - He reported that his department had received a 50/50 grant for equipment to extract data from cell phones for investigations. The equipment arrived last week. He announced that the next drug take back program will be on Saturday, September 27th. Two locations will have child safety seat inspections available to the public.

Juanita Hodgson - She reported that her office has received several requests for tax sale information and the list is now available.

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Rodney Edmondson - His office is currently working on two elections, a Special Question for USD 247 on October 7th, and the statewide General Election on November 4th.

Wayne Elliott - He reported the sale of maps, and the issuance of three new addresses. The new plotter was installed, but there is a problem with the scanner and it should be fixed next week.

Chairman Hilderbrand invited all present to attend the budget workshop at 1:15 PM if they were interested. He also reminded each department to notify the treasurer within 24 hours if they have any ACH's coming in.

Juanita Hodgson - Cherokee County Treasurer

She provided a list of bank accounts to keep open and those to close.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to close the following bank accounts: At the American Bank - Prior Account, Reserve Fund, Health Dept., Reg. of Deeds, JAG, NSP, West Mineral Siren, Siren, CDBG, Children Mercy, 911 Wireless, State Line Road, and Neighborhood Stabilization. At the Commerce Bank - Old Accounts, and at the Labette Bank - Road & Bridge Old Account. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Juanita reported that the recent bank overdraft was due to funds being deposited in the wrong account. A phone call to the bank resolved the issue and they removed the overdraft fee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to order two new sprayer wands for the Noxious Weed Department from the Equipment Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Cristy Mitchell - Blue Cross/Blue Shield

She appeared before the Board as the group consultant for Cherokee County. They would like to prepare a quote for health benefits for Cherokee County for 2015. She stated that they cover 100% of Kansas hospitals as well as Freeman hospital in Joplin. The Board advised her to get with Deana to gather the information necessary to provide a quote.

Juanita Hodgson - County Treasurer

She provided partial bank reconciliations for the Board to review.

She advised the Board that the Tax Foreclosure Sale is set for October 10, 2014 at 10:00 AM in the District Courtroom of the Cherokee County Courthouse.

Nathan Coleman - County Attorney/Counselor

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter an Executive Session with the Board and Nathan Coleman 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 at 11:42 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:47 AM.

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

A motion was made by Commission Hilderbrand to enter an Executive Session with the Board, Nathan Coleman, and Leonard Vanatta 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 at 11:51 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:56 AM.

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

A motion was made by Commission Collins to recess for lunch until 1:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:59 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 PM.

Gene Mense, Matt Mense - Mense, Churchwell, & Mense, CPA

They appeared before the Board for the purpose of conducting the 2015 Budget Workshop.

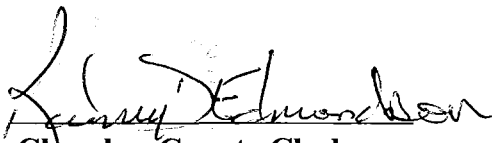
Following the workshop, Gene stated that he would send a new draft to the clerk tomorrow. The Board will review the new draft on Monday, September 15th at 10:30 AM. If agreed to, at that time a public hearing date will be set for September 29th at 10:00 AM.

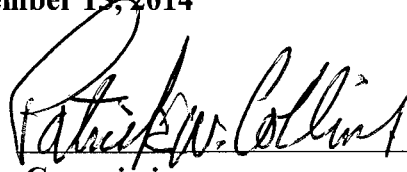
Chairman Hilderbrand informed County Treasurer Juanita Hodgson that her 2015 budget has been reduced by \$40,000. The cut is to offset the cost of hiring someone to reconcile for 6-months, and for the costs of the special audits so far. The Board stated that during 2015, if everything in the audits are resolved and the auditors are satisfied that their recommendations have been completed, the Board by resolution could increase her budget back to the requested amount of \$134,000. When asked, Chairman Hilderbrand stated that the cut in salary had not been addressed, but did state that he did not foresee a cut in salary for the remainder of 2014, but that if the current situation isn't rectified by the end of the year that it would be addressed for 2015. Commissioner Collins stated that they will see what happens in her department in 90 days. Chairman Hilderbrand stated that it was in her hands.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to pass Resolution 18-2004 appointing Carl Hayes as the Cherokee County representative to the Four States Clean Air Alliance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

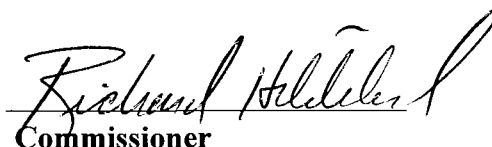
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for September 15, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 4:15 PM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, September 15, 2014


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 18 - 2014

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS:

WHEREAS, the County in the form of its duly elected governing body has the authority under K.S.A. § 19-101 to determine its local affairs and government, and;

WHEREAS, the Four States Clean Air Alliance ("FSCAA") has been formed through a joint agreement of the Joplin, Missouri Area Transportation Study Organization and the Environmental Task Force of Jasper and Newton Counties in Southwest Missouri. As stated in the FSCAA's Clean Air Action Plan approved February 2014, the stated purpose of the FSCAA is to develop and implement a voluntary Clean Air Action Plan. Cherokee County is considered by the FSCAA to be an area vital to ozone air quality efforts in the Joplin Metro area due to prevailing winds in the summer months.

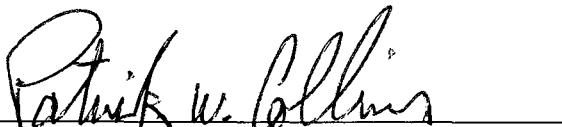
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners affirm the appointment of Carl Hayes, Environmental Specialist with the Cherokee County Health Department, to represent the Board of Commissioners on the Four States Clean Air Alliance Board in matters dealing with air quality in southeast Kansas and surrounding regions. As a representative, Carl Hayes will gather information at meetings and report back to the Board of Commissioners when appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, meeting in regular session, this 8th day of September, 2014, does hereby resolve as follows:

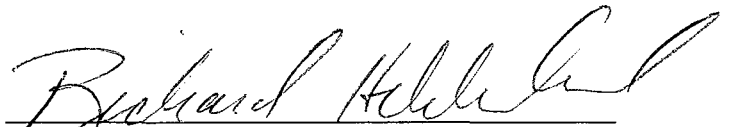
1. Carl Hayes, Environmental Specialist with the Cherokee County Health Department is hereby authorized to serve as the representative of the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas on the Four States Clean Air Alliance concerning matters dealing with the environment and air quality issues of southeast Kansas and surrounding regions, and to be the point of contact in matters dealing with this appointment.

2. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication once in the official county newspaper.

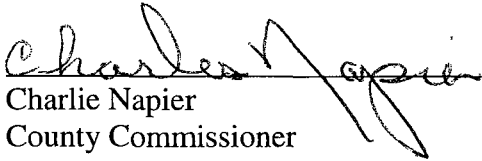
Adopted this 8th day of September, 2014, by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS.



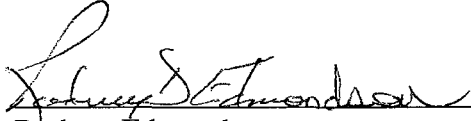
Patrick W. Collins
County Commissioner



Richard J. Hilderbrand
County Commissioner


Charlie Napier
County Commissioner

ATTEST:


Rodney Edmondson
County Clerk of Cherokee County, Kansas
Resolution No. 18 - 2014

Prepared by:
Nathan R. Coleman, Attorney

September 8, 2014

Cherokee County Commissioners
PO Box 14
Columbus, KS 66725

Dear Commissioners,

As you review your benefit options for your upcoming plan year, I would like the opportunity to show you Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS) options.

BCBSKS is the best value for your health care dollars. As a homegrown Kansas company that has been in business since 1942, we have the ability and desire to partner with you on your insurance needs.

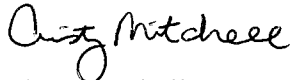
Outlined below are some of the qualities and values your group would receive:

- Significantly greater provider discounts resulting in real savings for our groups and members
- Access to the largest network of providers
- BCBSKS owns our provider network. Our provider relations department provides support and education to our providers
- One fixed monthly cost – Administrative fees include the ID cards, contracts, network fees, care management, case management, online reporting and resource blue wellness programs
- Efficient claims processing – claims are paid in the same manner as our underwritten business.
- Online tools – access to easy online tools for enrollment, billing and reporting
- COBRA administration – employees receive compliance support.
- Award winning customer service
- Low consumer complaint ratio reported by the Kansas Insurance Department
- Ease of administration with one vendor for all products
- Value added programs such as *Healthy Options* Care Management
- BCBSKS provides stop loss protection including options for Individual Specific Stop Loss, Aggregate Stop Loss and Monthly Aggregate Stop Loss
- Incurred Stop Loss Contract: Your group will have the piece of mind that all claims incurred in the contract period will be applied towards that stop loss contract regardless of when the claims were processed. This is the best stop loss protection an employer can purchase.

- Immediate Stop Loss Reimbursement: Once the member has reached the Individual Stop Loss (ISL) maximum, BCBSKS pays the remainder of the claims in that contract period. We do not require the group to fund the claims and then submit reimbursement to the stop loss vendor.
- Known maximum liability – groups know in advance what their maximum liability is
- No disclosure statements on participants with potential high claims
- No laser amounts for members who have ongoing medical conditions
- Guaranteed renewability. Rates are delivered at least 90 days in advance of the renewal date and are guaranteed at the time of delivery.

We help many city and county employer groups with their self funded plan administration and we would like to have your group enjoy the benefits of the most widely recognized health insurance card nationwide.

Sincerely,



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620-231-4590
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Requested Information Proposal Form

Groups over 50



Thank you for giving Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas the opportunity to quote your group health insurance. In order to provide an accurate quote, please provide the following information:

Current Census

- Date of birth
- Gender
- Contract status (employee; employee/children; employee spouse; employee family)
- Census, salaries and job description for Life Insurance quote

Claims Experience

- Paid claims – 2 years – break claims down between Health/Rx/Dental
- Enrolled contract count – per tier, per month
- Large claim information – dollar amounts and status

Premium History

- Premium history – 2 years
- Contribution split (employee/company)

Benefit Information

- Health and dental booklet
- Life booklet
- Please note any benefit changes made during the previous two (2) years
- If self-funding, a copy of your stop loss contracts and administrative agreement

Your local Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas consultant is:

Cristy Mitchell
100 S Broadway, Suite 101
PO Box 327
Pittsburg, KS 66762
620-231-490
Cristy.Mitchell@bcbsks.com

Ginger Bayliss is your District Coordinator and is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to answer questions regarding your group.

We look forward to working with you and providing your group with the health insurance benefits that best suit your needs.

09/08/2014

Bank Accounts to close:

Cherokee County Bank Accounts		
Bank Name	Type	Acct #
American Bank	Prior Account	0001120561
American Bank	Reserve Fund	0000027170
American Bank	Health Dept	01756714
American Bank	Reg Deeds	01756720
American Bank	JAG	0001120409
American Bank	NSP	0001120395
American Bank	West Mineral Siren	0001001299
American Bank	Siren	0001001302
American Bank	CDBG	0001120166
American Bank	Children Mercy	0001120417
American Bank	911 Wireless	01751883
American Bank	State Line Road	01748572
American Bank	Neighborhood Stabilization	1120395
Commerce Bank	Old account	770077097
Labette Bank	Rd & Bdg old account	770212

Signed

Date

Patrick W. Collins

09-08-2014

Charles J. Agier

Richard H. Hatcher

9-8-2014

Open - Cherokee County Bank Accounts	
Bank Name	Type
American Bank	Main Account
American Bank	Insurance Claims
American Bank	911
American Bank	KPERS
American Bank	State Withholding
American Bank	Federal Withholding

Closed Cherokee County Bank Accounts							
Bank Name	Type						
American Bank	Prior Account	Balance trans to Main Account -					
American Bank	Reserve Fund	Balance trans to Main Account - Kept in it's own fund #					
American Bank	Health Dept	No Balance					
American Bank	Reg Deeds	No Balance					
American Bank	JAG	No Balance					
American Bank	NSP	No Balance					
American Bank	West Mineral Siren	No Balance					
American Bank	Siren	Balance trans to Main Account					
American Bank	CDBG	No Balance					
American Bank	Children Mercy	No Balance					
American Bank	911 Wireless	No Balance					
American Bank	State Line Road	Balance trans to Main Account - Road & Bridge fund #					
American Bank	Neighborhood Stabilization	No Balance					
Commerce Bank	Old account	Balance trans to Main Account					
Labette Bank	Rd & Bdg old account	Balance trans to Main Account - Road & Bridge fund #					

