

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 30, 2010
COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

The Cherokee Commissioners met August 30, 2010. Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins were present. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the revised minutes for August 23, 2010 as presented by Clerk Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, Garner, and County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the documentation.

MOTIONS MADE BY COMMISSION

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

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to send one delegate from the Vision Committee to the Regional Prosperity Initiative meeting being held at the Pavilion at the Downstream Casino on September 9, 2010 and the county will reimburse the individual sent for the amount of \$25.00 for a registration fee, both Commissioners Garner and Collins agreed to have Commissioner Hilderbrand appoint one individual from the committee to attend for the county. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all three commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made the motion at the advice from County Counselor Kevin Cure to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Pat Myers located in Spring Valley/Spring Valley Township, because there was no basis for denial from the Spring Valley/Spring Valley Township Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and Commissioners Hilderbrand and Collins voted in favor, with Commissioner Garner Voting No.

Ray Ryan of Ryan Insurance came before the board to ask for the three year loss records from KCAMP and KWORCC so he could finish up his quote for the commission. The commission asked Clerk Gatewood to request the records and send them to Mr. Ryan.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the bids for the NSP Project (Contractor work) from SA Construction, Inc. contingent on KDHE bid approval - the homes are located in Cherokee County - (402 E 5th St., Galena, KS, amount bid - \$58,752.00 and 424 S Delaware Ave., Columbus, KS, amount bid - \$45,000.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand, and all three commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to sign off on a letter for support for the 911 Wireless Grant for the Sheriff's Department, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Road and Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta and County Engineer Gene Langerot came before the commission to discuss general road and county maintenance. Gene Langerot reported the three new dump trucks for the county should be here at the first part of September. The commissioners thanked them for coming in.

Sheriff Groves reported that a problem with fireworks being destroyed near Crestline is being looked into and the commission referred him over to Carl Hayes, and the Sheriff said he was also in contact with the state regarding permits.

Gene Mense, the County Auditor, came before the commission to work with them on the budget for 2011. All Elected Officials and Department Heads within the county had turned in no increases with their 2011 budgets. Mr. Mense said that even with no changes within budgets the commission would be looking at a 2.45 mill increase over 2010. The Department Heads present said they had reduced spending as much as they could this year. Commissioner Hilderbrand is having Mr. Mense look into the Elderly Fund and the County's Computer Fund for the main server because those line items are in the red this year as in previous years. The Commission will meet with the Elected Officials and Department Heads individually on September 13, 2010 to discuss their budgets. Gene Mense saw problems in the audit with the Road and Bridge Fund because the commission had transferred \$225,000.00 from the 2009 budget, which that amount had been added to the 2010 budget as carryover for the 2010 budget signed off by the commission last year. Mr. Mense recommended the commission amend the 2010 budget because the amount of \$225,000.00 would cause the Road and Bridge Department to be short, it was also noted by Mr. Mense that the Road and Bridge budget for this year is already at 29% left for the rest of the year. Commissioner Hilderbrand noted that Gene had been unaware of the reimbursement of FEMA Funds for the Road & Bridge and the FEMA Funds would take care of this. Commissioner Hilderbrand asked Mr. Mense about how meals by employees should be addressed. Mr. Mense said that any meals without an overnight stay should be counted as wages. Commissioner Hilderbrand and the commission requested County Clerk Gatewood to send a memo to all Department Heads and Supervisors to relay this information to all employees. Mr. Mense also reported if the General Fund continues at the spending rate right now the overall budget looked good, but he estimated that \$50,000.00 would be left at the end of the year to carry over to 2011. The Commissioners thanked all Elected Officials and Department Heads that have budgets in the General Fund for their help.

State Representative Doug Gatewood invited the three commissioners to the meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 2nd at The Lamplighter Inn in Pittsburg, Kansas, 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. This meeting is being put on by KDOT for the T-Works Program and it provides the opportunity for local consultation for upcoming state highway projects in the state. He asked the commission to be present for local support for the three year transportation program. He explained the one cent state sales tax and said part of it goes to school districts to aid in maintaining the LOB equalization formula, part of it goes to the local school districts to aid in the school finance levels, and part of it goes back to the Special Highway and Bridge Fund as revenue sharing. The commission thanked him for coming in.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into **Executive Session for thirty minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege** 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 1:42 P.M. and returned at 2:15 P.M.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session for thirty minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege** with himself, Commissioners Hilderbrand and Garner, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 2:16 P.M. and returned at 2:45 P.M.

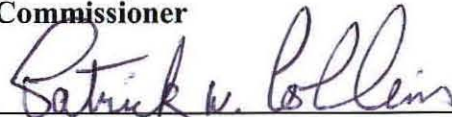
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Garner made a motion to adjourn at 3:08 P.M., his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all three commissioners voted in favor. The courthouse will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held September 13, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

Resolved and ordered this day September 13, 2010


Cherokee County Clerk

Commissioner



Commissioner


Commissioner