

MINUTES FOR MARCH 20, 2017
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman Collins 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 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Jordan Zabel

Crawford Township Treasurer Jack Cossairt appeared before the Board to ask questions about the proposed tax increase for fire protection. He stated that they paid \$6,975 to the City of Columbus last year for fire protection and is concerned about the proposed two mill increase for townships. The Board stated that nothing is final and they are still gathering information and appreciated his input.

Counselor Wright presented for first read a resolution to amend Resolution 02-2017 for the disbursement of Economic Development funds for the Board to review. The Board placed the item on the agenda for next week.

Counselor Wright presented a draft proclamation for fair housing month for the Board to consider.

County Appraiser Mark Hixon appeared before the Board regarding the estimates that were submitted last week to repair the vehicle that was damaged by the dumpster during a recent storm. The Board approved the low estimate from Glasgow Body & Frame as suggested by Hixon.

Leonard Vanatta and Louis Schreiner appeared before the Board on routine county road business. Commissioner Moates asked Leonard to check on a collapsed culvert near the softball park in Riverton that is causing water drainage problems. Leonard stated that he looked at the culvert at 100th & Bethlehem. He stated that it's been extended once already but could be extended again. The Board asked him to have a contractor estimate the cost of extending the concrete both ways on the culvert.

Jason Allison presented purchase orders for the flood buyout for signatures by the Board. The Board signed the orders.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to enter an executive session with the Board, Leonard Vanatta, and Louis Schreiner for the purpose of non-elected personnel for disciplinary reasons for a period of five minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:26 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:36 a.m.

No action taken was taken during the executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to adjourn until 1:00 p.m. to attend the funeral for Sheriff David Groves' mother. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:33 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2007 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Fair Housing Proclamation celebrating 49 years of fair housing as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to enter an executive session with Counselor Wright and County Appraiser Mark Hixon for the purpose of attorney client privilege for the reason of pending litigation for a period of 15 minutes. The motion carried 3-0 at 1:14 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:29 p.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

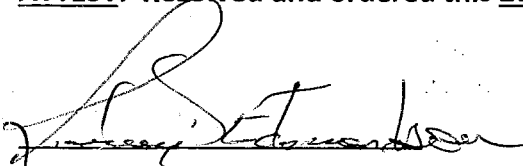
The Board discussed the recent dedication of Elk Road as a county road and the possibility of deeding the property to Richard Eckler who lives at the end of the road. Counselor Wright stated that the Board could not deed the property to someone without taking sealed bids. The Board took no action.


Counselor Wright informed the Board of an Attorney General's Opinion regarding the case of Lincoln County vs. Nielander. She stated that the Attorney General is just emphasizing the importance of that ruling as far as County Commissioners and their personnel policies. She stated that those personnel policies apparently do not apply to elected department heads, but they can choose to follow them or not. It's the Attorney General's opinion that the County Commission cannot enforce its rules and regulations for personnel on an elected department head. She stated that the Commission has the budget, but the day to day management is up to the department head. Wright named the non-elected departments that are required to follow them.

Thomas Niegisch from KISS Tech provided a written proposal for managed IT services for the County as a follow-up to his presentation to the Board last week. The Board placed the item on the agenda for next week. The Board asked Clerk Edmondson to visit with other department heads regarding the proposal.

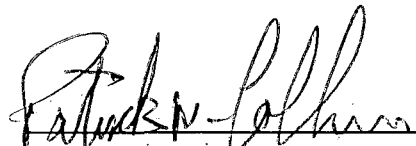
Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, March 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 1:45 p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 27th day of March, 2017


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

PROCLAMATION

Celebrating 49 Years of Fair Housing

COUNTY OF CHEROKEE

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cherokee is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all, and today, many realty companies and associations support fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing groups and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have, over the years, received thousands of complaints of alleged illegal housing discrimination and found too many that have proved, upon investigation, to be violations of the fair housing laws; and

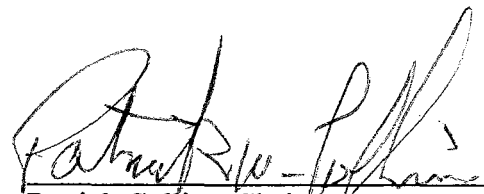
WHEREAS, equal housing opportunity is a condition of life in our County that can and should be achieved,

I, County Commissioner of Cherokee County, Kansas, on behalf of its citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

And express the hope that this year's observance will promote fair housing practices throughout the County.

Dated this 20 day of MARCH, 2017.


Patrick Collins, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners,
Cherokee County, Kansas



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