
Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2021

Chairman Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commissioners to order Monday February 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Lorie Johnson opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District #2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3 Commissioner Cory Moates, County Counselor, Barbara Wright, County Clerk, Kyle Rennie, and Deputy County Clerk Kaden Wimmer all in attendance. Proprietor and reporter of the Columbus News Report also in attendance.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve payroll ending January 29, 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$214,113.20. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to include in the payables \$212,516 for the K-Camp Pool Contribution for the 2021. (K-Camp is the Property and Liability Insurance Provider for Cherokee County) Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to pay K-Camp the \$212,516. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to accept and approve the February 1, 2021 Commissioner meeting Minutes. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook approached THE COMMISSION reporting on river rock hauling, a new mechanic starting on February 22, 2021, possibility of creating a line item in the R&B budget with income from scrap iron sales for a county lot employee program, question of where to store waste dirt, question of letting lot volunteer first responders who are employed by the county lot respond to emergencies on county time and maintaining the parking lot of the Cherokee County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 10:08 a.m. with non-elect County Counselor, Barbara Wright and R&B Supervisor Cody Zook for Time and to reconvene at 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:15 a.m. No action taken.

Jessie Clevenger and Larry Price Cherokee County residents approached THE COMMISSION with a dispute about ownership of a strip of land running parallel to a commonly known ¼ lane in the general area of SE 60th. THE COMMISSION determined they do not have any jurisdiction in the matter, and they would need to seek legal counsel.

Columbus and Galena Ambulance Director Doug Mogle spoke with THE COMMISSION about the History and funding of the ambulance districts in Cherokee County.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 10:55 a.m. with non-elect County Council Barbara Wright and Doug Mogle for contract and to return at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:15 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 11:17 a.m. with non-elect County Council Barbara Wright and Doug Mogle for contract and to reconvene at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Johnson called to break until 11:40 a.m. Meeting resumed at 11:40 a.m.

THE COMMISSION discussed expectations of The County Councilor position with Nathen Coleman.

Commissioner Johnson moved to return the duties of the County Counselor back to the office of the County Attorney making Nathen Coleman the Council to THE COMMISSION and to transfer the remaining salary of the County Council to the County Attorney budget effective close of day February 12, 2021 Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed. 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to break at 11:55 a.m. for lunch and to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Reports of Department Heads:

Register of Deeds Barbara Bilke, General office duties, slow time of the year.

Human Resources Deana Randall: health screening in the upcoming days

County Attorney Nathen Coleman: The Courts are operating as much as possible through Zoom, and the conceal carry classes are received very well.

Health Department Betha Elliot: Routine office activities, a lot of Zoom Conferences, child vaccinations, and currently 391 wick clients. To date 889 COVID-19 vaccines have been administered with the next clinic scheduled for February 10, 2021.

Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Groves reported on upcoming correction officer training and upcoming conceal carry training.

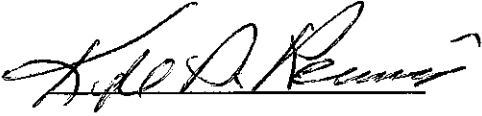
Commissioner Moates moved to adopt Resolution 03-2021. A resolution eliminating application fees for commercial and non-commercial buildings and also removing the application fee for wastewater septic permits. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn until the next regular session February 22, 2021.
Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 a.m.

This Minutes authored in draft by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this January 25, 2021



County Clerk



Commissioner



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