
Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2021

Chairman Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order Monday February 1, 2021 in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Chairman Moates 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 and County Clerk, Kyle Rennie and Deputy County Clerk, Kaden Wimmer were in attendance. Proprietor and reporter of the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt was also in attendance.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the January 25, 2021 Commission minutes to be published in the Columbus News Report. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

The Commission agreed by consent to give Shelli Daniel permission to purchase a new printer for her office in the amount of \$787.50

Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook approached THE COMMISSION with updates on county road projects one in particular, to replace the 300-hundred-gallon fuel storage tanks placed around the county with 5000-gallon digital tanks that automatically notify the county fuel vendor when they need to be refilled. Cody also relayed to THE COMMISSION Cloyd Ray by his request was moved to a truck driving position.

Commissioner Moates moved to sign the Craw Kan Right Away Agreement. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 9:38 a.m. with non-elect County Counselor, Barbara Wright and Cody Zook for Policy and to reconvene at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Moates moved to increase the rate of hourly pay for county lot employees: Jimmy Amiott From \$17/hr. to \$18.50/hr., Lode Bartholomew from \$15.44 hr. to \$17.00 hr., Shelli Daniel \$14.75/hr. to \$15.50/hr., Jared Glover from \$17.02/hr. to \$18.50/hr., Christopher Johnson from \$15.00/hr. to \$16.50/hr., Rick Martin from \$13.00/ hr. to \$15.00/hr., Bruce Parker from \$ 16.00/hr. to \$17.00/hr., Cloyd Ray from 19.00/hr. to \$15.00/hr., Bryan Williams from \$17.00/hr. to \$18.50/hr., Mark Clark from 14.44/hr. to \$15.50/hr., and, Dennis Boyes from 14.44/hr. to \$15.50/hr. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Kristi Kelley, Wayne Gudensoll, and Kyler Farmer with the Kansas Department of Transportation addressed THE Commission about Construction on Kansas State Highway 166 in the south part of the County beginning later in the 2021 year.

County Treasure Raven Elmore reported to THE COMMISSION she has been searching for a second CPA Firm for County Auditing. Raven said she has a promising prospect in Girard Kansas and will know more at a later time.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 10:07 a.m. with non-elect County Counselor, Barbara Wright and County Treasure Raven Elmore for tax obligation and to reconvene at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:18 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Johnson asked to break until 10:20 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 10:37 a.m. with non- elect County Counselor, Barbara Wright, and non- elect Jason Allison for performance and to reconvene at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m. No action taken.

County Appraiser Mark Hixon addressed THE Commission explaining the loss of property tax from the Mercy hospital in Galena. The tax could be made up through a shift to all property taxpayers in the county.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 11:07 a.m. with non-elect County Counselor, Barbara Wright and non-elect Betha Elliot for performance and to reconvene at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:20 a.m. no action taken.

Health Department Director Betha Elliot reported they are getting ready for a drive thru COVID-19 vaccination Clinic Wednesday February 3,2021 to be held at the Cherokee County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session ar11:50 a.m. with non- elect County Counselor, Barbara Wright and non- elect Rebecca Brassart for performance and to reconvene at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 12:00 p.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Johnson moved to appoint Betha Elliot as Health Department Director. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

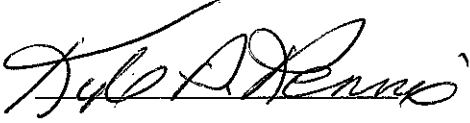
Commissioner Moates moved to appoint Jason Allison as Emergency Preparedness Director. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to appoint Rebecca Brassart as Director of 911 Mapping. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn until the next regular session February 8, 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

These Minutes authored in draft by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

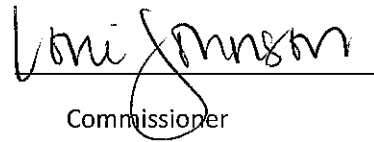
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this January 25, 2021



County Clerk



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