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*Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2021*

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At 9:00 a.m. on Monday August 9, 2021 Chairman Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus Kansas. Commissioner Frazier opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator and leading all attending for the open in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District #2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3 Commissioner Corey Moates, County Attorney and Council to the Commission Nathan Coleman, and County Clerk Kyle Rennie, Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook attending for the open. Proprietor and reporter for the Columbus News Report Larry Hiatt also attending for the open.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept and approve the August 2, 2021 Commission minutes. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve payroll ending July 30, 2021. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve payables in the amount of \$212,094.42. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook reported on several projects.

#### Materials Bids

Asphalt Repair

Culvert Installations

Asphalt at Big Brutus

Brush Cutters and Fence at the Sheriffs Department.

Commissioner Moates moved to have County Council Nathan Coleman write a HRRR resolution. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to spend \$35,000 out of the equipment reserve fund for a Timberline T23700 Brush Cutter. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to have the Chair of the Commission sign the ARP fund Contract. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed. 3-0.

Noxious Weed Director Cord Mays reported on a potential purchase of truck for the Weed Department.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 9:15 with County Council Nathan Coleman and County Appraiser Dave Thornton for non-elect personal and to reconvene at 10:31. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed. 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:31.

Health Department Head Betha Elliot updated The Commission on COVID numbers and Health Department activities.

Commissioner Moates moved to increase the rate of hourly wage for Brenda Clugston to \$18.41 up from \$17.41. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to increase the hourly wage for Lorie Ferraro to \$22.00 up from \$18.44. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to increase the hourly wage for Treasa Hart to \$18.41 up from \$17.41. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed. 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to increase the hourly wage for Stacy Horn to \$20.00 up from \$18.00. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to increase the hourly wage for Deana Marshall to \$13.25 up from \$12.25. Commissioner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to increase the hourly wage for Audrey Smith to \$20.00 up from \$18.00. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to recess for 10 minutes and to reconvene at 11:31. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:31.

Commissioner Moates moved to break for lunch at 11:40 and to reconvene at 12:30. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Meeting reconvened at 12:30

Gene and Matt Mense of Mense CPA firm Joplin Mo. Met with The Commission to prepare for the upcoming first draft for the 2022 Cherokee County Budget.

Commissioner Moates moved to Certify the 2021 USD 493 Special Election results. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn until the next regular session August 16, 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:40.

These Minutes were written by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Kyle P. Rennie

County Clerk

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Commissioner

Lonnie Johnson

Commissioner

Myra Antislis Frazier

Commissioner