

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 23, 2019
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

Chairman Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 23, 2019 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Cory Moates opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Neal Anderson, Myra Carlisle Frazier, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 BOCC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

The Board welcomed Kyle Rennie to the meeting. Kyle will replace the retiring Rodney Edmondson as County Clerk effective December 28th. He was chosen by the Cherokee County Republican Central Committee on December 18th.

Counselor Wright presented a draft resolution to vacate undeveloped alleys and roads in Mack's Addition to Lawton at the request of Kevin Back.

The Board placed the item on the January 6th, 2020 agenda for a second read.

Counselor Wright informed the Board that she had received a phone call from Cintas, and they are pulling out. They are making no claim for damages or expecting anything regarding the contract issue at the county lot. She stated that the contract with Clean is due for renewal in January of 2022 and the first time a contract termination process could begin is October 2021.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business.

Jason Allison provided an update on the grant application for the Riverton area sewer system. He stated that the grant application was for \$100,000 in engineering and \$400,000 for construction costs. He stated that the application had initially been denied, but he now believes that it will be approved sometime after the first of the year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to pay the publication costs out of the commission budget for the vacating of the Peacock City Subdivision. Those costs will be reimbursed by Bart Eckhardt as previously agreed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

The Board took note of the fact that the January 23, 2020 tax sale will be continued to a different date. The Judge has recused himself from the proceedings and a new judge will need to be assigned to the case.

The Board set January 13, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. as the date and time for their annual reorganization.

Jean Pritchett appeared before the Board to present a tourism grant request for the US Open Shoot in June of 2020 at the Claythorne Lodge. The amount of the request is for \$500. There are currently 900 shooters registered for the event. She also presented the 2020 Transient Tax Agreement from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce for the Board's approval. Chairman Moates signed the contract.

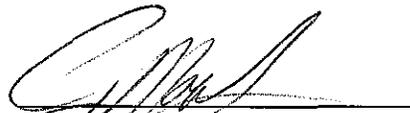
A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to approve the tourism grant request in the amount of \$500 for the US Open Shoot at Claythorne Lodge in June of 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Counselor Wright informed the Board that she has spoken with County Attorney Jacob Conard regarding the current pit bull ban ordinance in place. He believes that he has enough room in the current state code to deal with those charges and isn't in favor of the county having a separate resolution dealing with dangerous animals. Wright stated that she hasn't had any contact with Sheriff Groves.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to repeal the pit bull ban in Cherokee County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Frazier voting no. Counselor Wright will prepare a resolution to repeal Resolution 11-92 that banned certain breeds of dogs in Cherokee County.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, December 30, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:44 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 30th day of December, 2019


Commissioner


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Commissioner


County Clerk