

**MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 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, September 16, 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 Frazier to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2019 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to accept the transfer of James Johnson from jail corrections to a highway department brush cutter in the Northeast part of the county at a rate of \$14.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard reported that Teeters will be in Galena doing asphaltting this week. He stated that excessive work is needed out west in asphaltting.

Leonard reported that a case worker has not been assigned by the State for the disaster declaration.

Counselor Wright reported that Tract 2 of the Neutral railroad project is ready for a vote to pay for the property acquired from the Scott Family Trust. She stated that the other Tract owned by the Pleasant Valley Ranch has a hearing date of October 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated that the Judge has appointed three appraisers to the case and their appraisals are due before the next hearing date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to pay the Scott Family Trust \$4,852 for the tract of land for the Neutral railroad project as agreed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0. The funds will be taken from the 190 Special Highway Fund and will be reimbursed by KDOT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to recess until 10:00 a.m. for the public hearing on the proposed 2020 County Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Moates opened the public hearings for public comment for the 2020 Cherokee County Budget and the 2020 Sewer District #1 Budget at 10:03 a.m.

Gene Mense and Matt Mense of the Mense CPA Firm, LLC appeared before the Board to answer any questions regarding the proposed budgets.

Chairman Moates applauded the work of County Treasurer Raven Elmore and her staff in bringing the bank accounts to balance and thanked each department for their work in preparing the budgets this year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to close the public hearing at 10:33 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the 2020 Cherokee County Budget as presented for public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Frazier voting no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the 2020 Sewer District #1 Budget as presented for public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

Mac Young, Court Administrator for the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District appeared before the Board to present the 2019 Community Corrections Year-End Review and the 2020 Carryover Reimbursement Budget for the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to sign the year-end report for the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Counselor Wright presented Resolution 13-2019 establishing stop signs at the intersection of SW 10<sup>th</sup> & Beasley Rd. The Board placed the item on the agenda for next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an attorney client executive session for litigation and tax sale purposes for approximately 10 minutes. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 11:20 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:08 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Clerk Edmondson for approximately 15 minutes. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 11:35 a.m. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:21 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

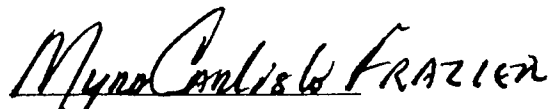
The Board discussed hiring a second person for the Riverton sewer district and splitting the current salary between two people. The Board also discussed the issue of providing health insurance coverage for both employees.

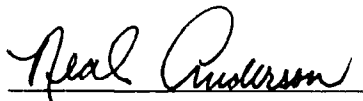
The Board discussed 72<sup>nd</sup> Dr. going north from Lostine Rd. A judge has ruled that it is a 20' public road. There are four residences involved in a major land dispute and the road is in poor condition. Counselor Wright stated that the parties would need to petition the county to maintain the road. She stated that it would still be the Board's discretion to dedicate it as a county road and could add a special assessment to the properties for maintenance.


Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, September 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:49 a.m.

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019

  
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