

**MINUTES FOR JANUARY 30, 2012**  
**COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**  
**CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee County Commissioners met January 30, 2012. Commissioners in attendance were Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand and Garner. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. County Clerk Crystal Gatewood submitted the minutes for January 23, 2012, Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to accept the minutes; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand voting in favor, and Commissioner Garner abstaining due to his absence on that day. Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand, and Clerk Gatewood signed off on the documentation. Commissioner Hilderbrand also signed off on the Advantage Metal Recycling Registration Form.

**MOTIONS**

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to accept the Labette Bank bid of 2.98% interest over a 3 year period to cover the county's portion of matching funds with a Storm Siren Grant for 10 sirens from the State of Kansas. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Garner and Collins voting in favor. Jason Allison of Emergency Management recommended that the county go with the 2-way reporting system to better insure the safety of the county's citizens. He also said that the bid specifications show delivery of the sirens to the County Lot within 10 days, and that Blue Valley could install 2 sirens per day, weather permitting, after the county agreed to the matching funds. After the commission accepted the Labette Bank bid, Jason asked the commission to sign off on the Siren Quote. The commission then asked Jason to keep them updated on this situation. (All bids are attached to these minutes.)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Leonard Vanatta of Road and Bridge presented 2 copies of a paid out agreement for work on 50<sup>th</sup> St. and SE Quaker Road to be signed off on by the commission and Clerk Gatewood. They also discussed the disposal of rubbish from the Weaver Bridge Project. Leonard says that the Brumback/Beachner landfill has the contract for the rubbish, but that the metal rebar will be salvaged. Leonard also added that the ribbon cutting ceremony for Rainbow Bridge will be April 28, 2012.

Jason Allison reviewed the grant paperwork submitted by Baxter Springs and Columbus Ambulance Associations. The first showed a \$206,000.00 approval for ambulances for the Cities of Columbus and Galena. Jason had to make a phone call to find out the reason why the City of Baxter Springs was not approved for a grant. Since the grants are based on the low to moderate average annual overall income of the community, the City of Baxter Springs was 0.7% short of meeting the requirement for the grant. However, Baxter Springs can resubmit their application for the Ambulance Grant in May when the state receives more funding.

Judge Lyerla came before the commission to request permission to buy a surplus wooden desk that was left over after the District Court Clerk got their new office furniture. He said that he wanted it for sentimental reasons. The commission told him that they would have to ask County Counsel Kevin Cure how to handle this type of situation.

## EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session for 20 minutes for Non/Elected Personnel** with himself, Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, Sheriff Groves, and Under Sheriff Clugston. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Collins, Garner and Hilderbrand voting in favor. They went in at 10:23 AM and returned at 10:37 AM. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

At the request of County Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck, Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session for 5 minutes for Non/Elected Personnel** with himself, Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and County Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck. They went in at 10:39 AM and returned at 10:45 AM. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session for 25 minutes for Non/Elected Personnel** with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand. Commissioner Garner seconded the motion with Commissioners Collins, Garner and Hilderbrand voting in favor. They went in at 11:05 AM and returned at 11:32 AM.

At the request of County Counselor Kevin Cure, Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into **Executive Session for 20 minutes for Attorney/Client Privileges and Litigation** with himself, Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and County Counselor Kevin Cure. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Collins, Garner and Hilderbrand voting in favor. They went in at 11:34 AM and returned at 11:59 PM.

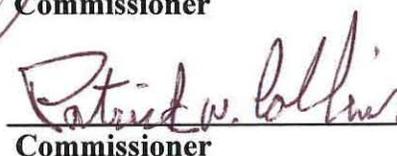
## ADJOURNMENT

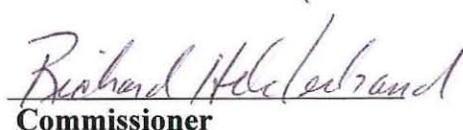
Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 PM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Collins, Garner and Hilderbrand voting in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held February 6, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

**Resolved and ordered this day, February 6, 2012**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

Member FDIC



**Altamont**  
Main Bank – 4th & Huston  
Altamont, KS 67330  
(620) 784-5311

**Bartlett**  
5th & Main  
Bartlett, KS 67332  
(620) 226-3300

**Cherokee**  
104 W. 400 Hwy.  
Cherokee, KS 66724  
(620) 457-8000

**LaCygne**  
501 Market  
LaCygne, KS 66040  
(913) 757-4545

**McCune**  
501 Main  
McCune, KS 66753  
(620) 632-4267

**Oswego**  
424 Commercial  
Oswego, KS 67356  
(620) 795-2121

**Parsons**  
2121 Main · 32nd & Main · 506 E. Main  
Parsons, KS 67357  
(620) 421-2265

**Pittsburg**  
2805 N. Broadway  
Pittsburg, KS 66762  
(620) 230-0300

**Pleasanton**  
911 S. Main  
Pleasanton, KS 66075  
(913) 352-6202

January 20, 2012

Cherokee County Clerks Office  
PO Box 14  
Columbus, KS 66725-0014

Re: Lease Quote on Storm Sirens

To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for allowing Labette Bank the opportunity to assist in your current leasing needs. The interest rates that we can offer you at this time are listed below.

3 year lease – 2.98%  
4 year lease – 3.11%  
5 year lease – 3.21%

If we are fortunate enough to be the bank you choose we will need the following documentation to proceed with the lease. Please forward this information to Labette Bank, Attn: Carla Bebb, PO Box 497, Altamont KS 67330 or fax to 620-784-5323.

- 1) An invoice for the purchase of the storm sirens showing Labette Bank as the purchaser.
- 2) Copies of the minutes stating that it was approved to purchase the storm sirens and the financing with Labette Bank.
- 3) The parties that will be signing the lease paperwork on your behalf.

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact me at 620-784-5311.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Bebb, VP



January 19, 2012

Cherokee County  
Board of County Commissioners  
110 W. Maple  
Columbus, Kansas 66725

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board:

Exchange State Bank appreciates the opportunity to bid on the County's lease purchase agreement for the purchase of 10 storm sirens to service the Cherokee County area.

Per your request for funding in the amount of \$63,511.00 we submit for **36 months an annual interest rate of 3.00%**. Two annual payments in the amount of \$22,454.86 would be due in January 2013 and January 2014. A final payment of \$22,454.85 will be due January 2015 .

For the same dollar amount, a **60 monthly (five year) annual pay out** we submit the **interest rate of 4.00%**. This would require four annual payments beginning January 2013 in the amount of \$14,268.07 and a final payment in the amount of \$14,268.08 due January 2017.

Interest rate on option II for funding in the amount of \$42,252.00 is as follows  
**For 36 months** we propose the interest rate of **3.00%**. This will require two annual payments of \$14,938.56 in January 2013 and 2014 and a final payment of \$14,938.54 January 2015.

For the same dollar amount on a **60 month, (five year) annual pay out** we propose the interest rate of **4.00%**. This will require 5 annual payments of \$9,492.13. The final payment will be due January 2017.

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P.O. Box 187  
Girard, KS 66743  
620-724-4911

P.O. Box 188  
St. Paul, KS 66771  
620-449-2225

P.O. Box 461  
Columbus, KS 66725  
620-429-1873

The actual payment date and 1<sup>st</sup> payment date can be adjusted to the date you need the funding to be advanced. No penalty applies for early payoff of this contract.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve Cherokee County. If you have any questions please call me at 429-1873.

Sincerely,

  
Robert M. Lark  
Vice President



POST OFFICE BOX 597

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS 66713

TELEPHONE: 620-856-2301  
FAX: 620-856-2330

January 20, 2012

Cherokee County Commissioners  
Columbus Courthouse  
Columbus, Kansas 66725

Dear Commissioners:

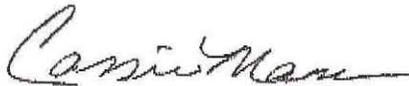
Thank you for considering American Bank as your financing source for the proposed Storm Siren Lease-Purchase agreement as submitted in your formal bid request letter received on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Our bank would provide funding for the lease purchase agreement for either option #1 or #2, in the amounts of \$63,511 or \$42,252 respectively. We would provide for an amortization of not less than 3 years and no more than five years, at a fixed interest rate of 4.0%.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to Cherokee County. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

This proposal for funding from American Bank expires on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Sincerely,



Cassie Mann  
President