

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 2018
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 22, 2018 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Cory Moates, Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt and Jordan Zabel

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2018 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Moates read a letter from the Kansas Historical Society, informing the Board that Big Brutus was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on January 5, 2018.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county highway department business. Leonard stated that the concrete work in West Mineral was delayed due to the weather, but the initial cap has been poured. The Board approved the renewal of the computer program with Caterpillar as requested by Louis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for an executive session with the Board, Leonard Vanatta, and Louis Schreiner for the discipline of non-elected personnel for 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:25 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

Jim Burton, Solid Waste Committee Chairman, appeared before the Board to invite them to a meeting on February 14th at 10:00 a.m. regarding the county Solid Waste Plan and what to do now that the regional plan has been dissolved. The meeting will be held at the Columbus City Hall.

Attorney Robert Myers appeared before the Board regarding his preparation for the next tax foreclosure sale. He presented a list of 637 properties that are being processed for a tax sale. There are 12 or 13 parcels that need to be verified before the final petition is filed with the court. He anticipates bringing an update to the Board next Monday.

Jean Pritchett appeared before the Board regarding the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee. She provided a list of accomplishments for 2017, and a budget for 2018. She presented a Transient Tax Agreement for 2018 for the Board to consider. Chairman Moates signed the agreement.

Counselor Wright presented Resolution 01-2018, the waiver from GAAP for the Board to review on a second read.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve Resolution 01-2018, the waiver from GAAP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Counselor Wright presented the draft resolution and supporting documents regarding the opioid crisis for the Board to review on a second read.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to adopt Resolution 02-2018 declaring the opioid crisis a public nuisance and to initiate litigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Counselor Wright presented the draft resolution establishing new sewer and septic rates, permits and licenses, and building permits for the Board to review on a second read.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to adopt Resolution 03-2018 establishing new rates for septic and sewer system applications, permits and licenses, and building permits for the unincorporated areas of Cherokee County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for an attorney client executive session for contract purposes with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Clerk Edmondson for a period of 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Jason Allison, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented an invoice and agreement for the maintenance of the storm sirens for the Board to review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for an attorney client executive session for contract purposes with the Board, Counselor Wright, Clerk Edmondson, and Treasurer Raven Elmore for a period of 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:33 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Clerk Edmondson for the discipline of non-elected personnel for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:53 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

Counselor Wright presented a draft resolution creating fire districts in Cherokee County for a first read. The resolution identifies fire districts numbered 2-14, making each township their own fire district. The resolution would exclude Lola Township and Fire District No. 1, and all incorporated areas of the county that are covered by city fire departments. The Board placed the item on the agenda for next week.

The Board approved the agreement with Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$8,520 for the maintenance of the storm sirens as presented by Jason Allison.


A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for an attorney client executive session for litigation purposes with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Clerk Edmondson for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:08 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:18 a.m.


No action was taken during the executive session.

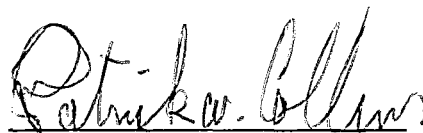
Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, January 29, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:19 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 29th day of January, 2018


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

Resolution No. 01-2018

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS:

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ending December 31, 2018 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the Commissioners or the members of the general public of the County of Cherokee and


WHEREAS, there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ending December 31, 2018.

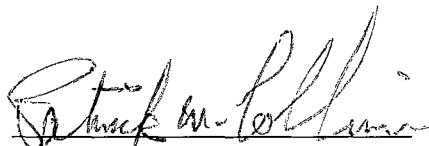
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled the 22nd day of January, 2018 that the Commissioners request the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) as they apply to the County of Cherokee for the year ending December 31, 2018.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of the County of Cherokee to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

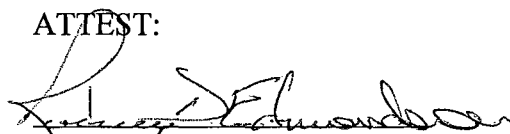
PASSED and APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County,

Kansas, this 22nd day of January, 2018.


Cory Moates, Chairman


Patrick Collins, Commissioner


Neal Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rodney D. Edmondson, Cherokee Co. Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2018

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners is empowered to transact all county business and perform all powers of local legislation pursuant to K.S.A. § 19-101a;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners has the authority to take action to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents and citizens of Cherokee County;

WHEREAS, there exists a serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity, and mortality in Cherokee County;

WHEREAS, the diversion of legally produced controlled substances into the illicit market causes or contributes to the serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity, and mortality in Cherokee County;

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis unreasonably interferes with rights common to the general public of Cherokee County; involves a significant interference with the public health, safety, peace, comfort, and convenience of citizens and residents of Cherokee County; includes the delivery of controlled substances in violation of State and Federal law and regulations; and therefore, constitutes a public nuisance;

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis is having an extended and far reaching impact of the general public, health, and safety, of residents and citizens of Cherokee County and must be abated;

WHEREAS, the violation of any laws of the State of Kansas or of the United States of America controlling the distribution of a controlled substance is inimical, harmful, and adverse to the public welfare of the residents and citizens of Cherokee County, and constitutes a public nuisance;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners has the authority to abate, or cause to be abated, any public nuisance including those acts that unreasonably interfere with rights common to the general public of Cherokee County and/or involve a significant interference with the public health, safety, peace, comfort, and convenience of citizens and residents of Cherokee County;

WHEREAS, Cherokee County has expended, is expending, and will continue to expend in the future County funds to respond to the serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity, and mortality within Cherokee County; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners has received information and believes that those in the chain of distribution of controlled substances (manufacturers and wholesale distributors) in Cherokee County, Kansas, and surrounding areas may have violated Federal and/or State laws and regulations that were enacted to prevent the diversion of legally produced controlled substances into the illicit market.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, assembled on this day at which a quorum is present, that based upon the above the Cherokee County

Board of Commissioners are declaring the opioid crisis a public nuisance which must be abated for the benefit of Cherokee County and its residents and citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one avenue to abate the opioid crisis is to initiate litigation against the manufacturers and whole distributors who may have violated Federal and/or State laws and contributed to the ongoing abuse of and addiction to opioids in Cherokee County.


The motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Commissioner Moates, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and the following vote was recorded:

Pat Collins, First District	<u>yes</u>
Neal Anderson, Second District	<u>yes</u>
Cory Moates, Chairman, Third District	<u>yes</u>

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS


ATTEST:

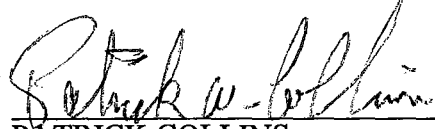

RODNEY D. EDMONDSON
Cherokee County Clerk


CORY MOATES, Chairman
Commissioner, Third District

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


BARBARA WRIGHT
Cherokee County Counselor


NEAL ANDERSON
Commissioner, Second District


PATRICK COLLINS
Commissioner, First District

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2018

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR SEPTIC AND SEWER SYSTEM APPLICATIONS, PERMITS AND LICENSES, AND BUILDING PERMITS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORITY. K.S.A. 19-101, *et. seq.*, and K.S.A. 19-212 authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, to transact all County business and perform all powers of local legislation deemed appropriate, and to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the property and concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate or administrative powers.

SECTION 2. PROJECT. The Board of County Commissioners is transferring the administrative responsibilities for enforcement of regulations pertaining to construction and reconstruction of private sewers and drains in the unincorporated areas of Cherokee County from the Cherokee County Health Department to the Cherokee County Department of Emergency Management. The Department of 911 Mapping shall monitor all construction of buildings, both new and additions, through a permit process.

SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATION. Administrative fees shall be imposed to help offset the costs associated with Federal, State and County environmental code enforcement by the Cherokee County Department of Emergency Management.

SECTION 4. FEE SCHEDULE:

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS - NON-COMMERCIAL \$50.00

- New site-built structures, housing and storage (not used for farming)
- Additions
- Modular homes / Mobile homes

Proof of title is required prior to issuance of building permit.

The modular home / mobile home shall be manufactured after June 15, 1976 and conform to the standards of the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards (42 U.S.C § 5403 and 24 C.F.R. 3280 *et. seq.*)

The modular home / mobile home shall be installed by a licensed manufactured home installer, qualified pursuant to Kansas Statutes Annotated - K.S.A.58-4219, as amended.

- Flood plain construction, new construction and additions

DECKS AND IN-GROUND POOLS: \$25.00

AGRICULTURE STRUCTURES: \$0.00

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS - COMMERCIAL: \$75.00

SEPTIC SEWER SYSTEMS:

Contractor waste water septic permit application fee -- \$20.00

Contractor permit fee for reconstruction -- \$30.00

Contractor permit fee for new construction -- \$40.00

Contractor's application & license annual fee -- \$60.00

Sewage system re inspection for resale -- \$150.00

SEPTIC HAULER:

License and annual inspection fee -- \$50.00

PROCEDURES:

All application forms shall be available from the Cherokee County Emergency Management office, Cherokee County 911 Mapping Office or on the Cherokee County official website.

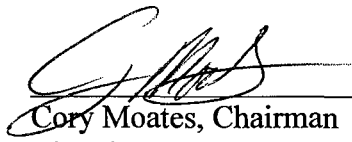
SECTION 5. PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:

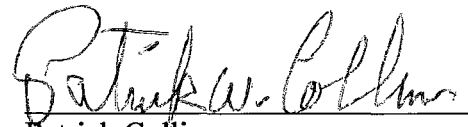
- Owner: In the event the property owner has not completed application(s) and obtained the requisite permit(s), and the owner receives written notice from the County, the owner shall have thirty (30) days to comply. The application and permit fees are doubled for failure to comply within thirty (30) days from the date of the letter, and the County reserves the right to certify unpaid fees as special assessments against the property.
- Contractor: Contractors' failures to timely submit permit for reconstruction or new construction and licenses to the Emergency Management Department, prior to the commencement of construction, shall result in penalties amounting to ten dollars (\$10.00) every thirty (30) days compliance is delayed.


SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage. The County Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published in the official County Newspaper.

SECTION 7. CONFLICT. That all resolutions, County policies or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

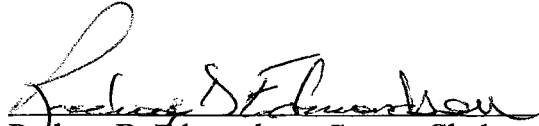
PASSED and APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County,
Kansas, this 22 day of January, 2018.


Cory Moates, Chairman
Cherokee County Commissioner


Patrick Collins
Cherokee County Commissioner


Neal Anderson
Cherokee County Commissioner

ATTEST:


Rodney D. Edmondson, County Clerk

(Seal)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS, CREATING FIRE DISTRICTS IN
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS:**

WHEREAS, it is advisable in the public interest that fire districts be organized in the unincorporated and township areas of Cherokee County, Kansas,

SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORITY. K.S.A. 19-101, *et. seq.*, and K.S.A. 19-212 authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, to transact all County business and perform all powers of local legislation deemed appropriate, and to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the property and concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate or administrative powers.

SECTION 2. PROJECT AND ADMINISTRATION. Pursuant to K.S.A. 19-3601, *et. seq.*, as amended, the Board of County Commissioners proposes to organize thirteen (13) fire districts, numbered two (2) through fourteen (14), with each boundary defined by its identified township, and excluding the existing municipal boundaries of the following cities within the County that have established fire departments: Cherokee, Weir, Scammon, Columbus, Baxter Springs, Galena and West Mineral. The existing Fire District No. 1, County of Cherokee, Kansas (Lola Township), established by Resolution 6-2013, shall remain intact and be excluded from this proposal.

SECTION 3. SCOPE OF THE PROJECT. It is the intention of the Governing Body that the fire districts shall be established by township as follows:

Fire District No. 2, County of Cherokee, Kansas,	Lowell Township
Fire District No. 3, County of Cherokee, Kansas,	Lyon Township
Fire District No. 4, County of Cherokee, Kansas,	Mineral Township
Fire District No. 5, County of Cherokee, Kansas,	Neosho Township
Fire District No. 6, County of Cherokee, Kansas,	Pleasant View Township
Fire District No. 7, County of Cherokee, Kansas,	Ross Township
Fire District No. 8, County of Cherokee, Kansas,	Salamanca Township
Fire District No. 9, County of Cherokee, Kansas,	Shawnee Township
Fire District No. 10, County of Cherokee, Kansas,	Sheridan Township

Fire District No. 11, County of Cherokee, Kansas, Spring Valley Township
Fire District No. 12, County of Cherokee, Kansas, Cherokee Township
Fire District No. 13, County of Cherokee, Kansas, Crawford Township
Fire District No. 14, County of Cherokee, Kansas, Garden Township

SECTION 4. SPECIFICATIONS. The attached township maps depict the proposed fire districts and are incorporated by reference herein.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION. This Resolution shall be published in the County's official newspaper of general circulation for three (3) consecutive weeks.

SECTION 6. NOTICE OF HEARING. Publication of this Resolution serves as **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.** A public hearing shall be conducted in consideration of this proposal to establish thirteen (13) fire districts by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, on the _____ day of _____, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Cherokee County Courthouse, 110 W. Maple, 1st Floor Commission Meeting Room, Columbus, Kansas.

SECTION 7. CONFLICT. That all resolutions, County policies or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Cory Moates, Chairman
Cherokee County Commissioner

Neal Anderson
Cherokee County Commissioner

Patrick Collins
Cherokee County Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rodney D. Edmondson, County Clerk

(Seal)



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Sam Brownback, Governor
Jennie Chinn, Executive Director

January 16, 2018

Board of Directors
Big Brutus, Inc.
PO Box 25
West Mineral, KS 66782

Re: Big Brutus (6509 NW 60th St, West Mineral, Cherokee County)

Dear Board:

We are pleased to inform you that the *Big Brutus* was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on January 5, 2018. The National Register is the country's official list of historically significant properties, and Kansans can feel proud to have a large and growing representation of these tangible links to our past. A copy of the nomination is enclosed for your records and is available on our website (www.kshs.org/14638).

Listing of this property provides recognition of its historic importance and assures that the significance of the property will be considered in federal planning, when applicable. Construction projects involving this property will benefit from review at the state level in accordance with the Kansas Historic Preservation Act (K.S.A. 75-2724 – 75-2725). For more information about state and federal preservation law, please visit our website at www.kshs.org/14658. Contact your local permitting authority to learn of any applicable local preservation ordinances.

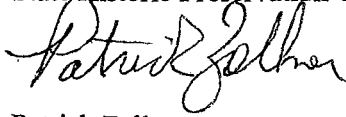
In addition to the prestige of inclusion in the National Register, owners of listed properties enjoy a number of other benefits:

- Owners of buildings listed in the National Register may be eligible for a federal rehabilitation tax credit if they are rehabilitated for income-producing purposes. A state tax rehabilitation credit is also available for the rehabilitation of both income and non-income producing properties listed in the State or National Registers of Historic Places. Please contact Marsha Longofono or Kristen Johnston at ext. 240 for applications and more information.
- National Register listing qualifies a property for the Heritage Trust Fund grant program. Please contact KSHS grants manager, Katrina Ringler, at ext. 215 or katinra.ringler@ks.gov for applications and more information.
- The Kansas State Historical Society offers free technical advice to owners of historic properties to help them maintain their properties in a historically accurate manner.

Thank you for your interest in our state's historic resources. If you have any questions concerning this nomination, please contact Amanda Loughlin, National Register Coordinator, at ext. 216 or amanda.loughlin@ks.gov. We invite you to join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KSHPO and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/kansashistory or using the handle @kansashistory.

Sincerely,

Jennie Chinn
State Historic Preservation Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Zollner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Patrick Zollner
Director, Cultural Resources Division
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

PZ/akl

cc: Cherokee County Commission
West Mineral City Council
Mayor Casey Guison
Baxter Springs Historical Society
Victor Boccia, nomination preparer
Carmen Boccia
John Boccia

TRANSIENT TAX AGREEMENT

This agreement is made and entered into this 22nd day of January, 2018 between Cherokee County, KS here in after called "County" and the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit corporation here in after called the "Chamber" acting herein the Executive, its duly authorized representative.

WHEREAS, the County Commission of the County of Cherokee enacted the Transient Guest Tax Resolution August 31, 1982, levying a tax upon hotel and motel transient guests within the County, said tax being currently effective.

WHEREAS, the county of Cherokee desires that the proceeds derived from the said hotel and motel Transient Guest Tax be used for the promotion, solicitation, encouragement and development of tourism and convention for Cherokee County, as provided for by KSA 12-1693 and KSA 1978 Supp. 12-1694 to 12-1698.

NOW THEREFORE, be it understood and agreed by and between the County and the Chamber that for and in consideration of payment of a sum of money raised by the two (2) percent Transient Guest Tax that said Chamber will provide those services necessary to carry out one year commencing the 1st day of January, 2018 and ending the 1st day of January 2019.

NOW BE IT FURTHER AGREED as follows:

1. The Chamber will operate and manage a Convention & Tourism Bureau to render services hereinafter contemplated and to discharge its duties in accordance with terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.
2. The Chamber is hired and engaged as an independent contractor, and is not an officer, agent or employee of the county.
3. Advisory Committee. The Convention & Tourism Committee, as appointed by the County/Chamber as required by KSA 12-16, 101 shall perform, among others, the following functions: (a) promote tourism and conventions in Columbus; (b) recommend programs and expenditures for the promotion of tourism and conventions in Columbus; (c) to work as a liaison between motels and conventions.
4. The Chamber shall submit prior to July 1, to the Cherokee County Commissioners a proposed annual operation budget for the Convention and Tourism Bureau for the next fiscal year and by February 15, a written report of the previous year's activities and expenditures to be made by the Tourism & Convention Bureau, none of which shall be made until the annual budget has been approved by the County governing body. Such budget shall also include the program of work, projects and activities.

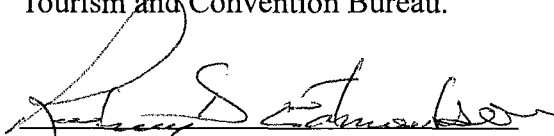
5. Payments. The County will transfer quarterly to the Chamber all funds as provided by the Transient Guest Tax Resolution.

6. The County Clerk or his designated representative may, upon reasonable notice, inspect all books and records of the Tourism and Convention Bureau.

7. It is expressly agreed by the parties that all Transient Tax Guest funds of the County shall be used solely for the propose of promoting travel, tourism and conventions within the area as provided by the Transient Guest Tax.

8. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving the other party written notice sixty (60) days in advance of the proposed termination date.

Upon termination, unless it is subsequently reserved, the Chamber shall deliver to the County all Transient Guest Tax funds and any equipment purchased by use of said guest tax funds then remaining with the Chamber after payment of all budgeted expenses of the Tourism and Convention Bureau.



ATTEST:
County Clerk



COMMISSION CHAIRMAN
Cherokee County



ATTEST:
Director/Columbus Chamber of Commerce

PRESIDENT
Columbus Chamber of Commerce

2017 Accomplishments
Columbus Chamber of Commerce
Tourism Committee

Advertising was done with the Kansas Calendar of Events, Kansas Travel & Tour Guide, SEK Living, Wichita Travel Guide, KSN TV and KOAM TV. We advertised in AAA Kansas Journey and AAA Oklahoma Home and Away, Show Me the Ozarks and the Kansas Fishing & the Hunting Guide 2017. Advertised on Mytown media. (Received over 900 inquiries from the AAA ad. AAA sends mailing labels to us from those that send in the pull out card from their magazine).

Listed on the TourKansas web site and the calendar is update every few months. Also listed on the SEKTR regional web site.

We promote our wildlife area (Strip Pits) on the LASR web site, which is geared to outdoor activities.

Distributed during the year, either by mail, stopped in the office or picked up at location points, over 5,000 Columbus brochures, 5,000 Calendar of events, 500 strip pit maps, 1,500 each of Big Brutus and other Columbus brochures.

Discover Columbus, Calendar of Events and Outdoor Activities brochures are stocked in 27 Kansas state visitor centers, plus in Joplin, Carthage and Miami. They are restocked twice a year, unless they run out before time and notify the office.

Keep area businesses stocked with brochures. Racks are located in the community building, Maple UnCommon Hotel, Pitcher Pump B & B, Smittle House B & B, Big Brutus, Rowdy's Moose Lodge, Claythorne Lodge and H & K Camper Sales.

With the help of the retail committee, we published the "Visitor Guide & Calendar of Events" brochure.

Published several tourism articles for the Columbus New Report and Cherokee County New Advocate.

Provided step on tour guide for one bus tour.

Har the bottom half of the trolley wrapped Planned on the trolley to operate during the festival, (but the tour driver got sick), did however, transported visitors from the camp grounds to the balloon field and to downtown.

Co-op with SEKTR for the Kansas City Boat Show.

Continued to work with bus tour operators and encourage to stop in our area.

Answer many phone calls with information about our strip pit area.

Tourism Expenditure Report

RECEIPTS

Beginning Balance Jan. 2017	4707.38	
Transit Tax		
2/2/17 (4 th qt '16)	570.25	
5/11/17 (1st qt '17)	561.07	
8/18/17 (2 nd qt '17)	441.33	1572.65
(3 rd qt '17)	did not receive until 1/'18	
Interest	1.01	
City Donation	2382.40	
SEKTR lunch	<u>135.00</u>	
 Total	4091.06	

DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative Fee	100.00	
Advertising		
AAA, OK, NE & KS	1167.00	
2018 KS Travel Guide listing	560.00	
Wichita Travel Guide	595.00	
Show Me the Ozarks	199.00	
SEK Living	100.00	
LASR	123.00	
2017 Kansas Hunting	200.00	
CUHS Titan Band	35.00	2979.00
Postage	106.89	
SEKTR meeting, lunch	124.86	
Trolley		
trolley wrap	2000.00	
Give aways for tourist/bus tours	<u>138.94</u>	
TOTAL	5449.69	
 Bank Balance, Dec. 31, 2017	3348.75	

Cherokee County Tourism Grant

Bank Balance January 1,2017 11123.42

RECEIPTS

Transit Tax

2/2/17 (4th qt of '16) 380.17

5.11.17 (1st qt 2917) 374.04

8/18/17 (2nd qt of '17) 294.22

11/28/16 (3rd qt of '17) did not receive until 1/'18

Interest 2.32

Total 1050.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Galena Fire Dept. 300.00

Advertising/ 246.98

Total 546.98

Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2017 11627.19

Tourism Guest Tax Budget

	2017	2018
Columbus		
Receipts		
Beginning Balance	4488.47	3348.75
Estimate from transit tax	2300.00	2300.00
Trolley		300.00
Postcards	<u>20.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total	6808.47	5968.75

Disbursements

Administrative Fee	100.00	100.00
Advertising/Signage	2900.00	2900.00
Area meetings/Conference	150.00	150.00
Bus Tours (snacks, coffee,ets.)	100.00	100.00
Host Events (Claythorne shoots)	400.00	400.00
Miscellanous for tourists	150.00	150.00
Postage	300.00	300.00
Trade Shows	1200.00	1200.00
Trolley	500.00	500.00
Reprint, Columbus brochure	<u>1000.00</u>	
Total	6800.00	5800.00

Rooms/Columbus area

Country Loft	4
Budget Inn	22
Maple UnCommon	7
Claythorne Lodge	6
Lodge at Bohare	8
Smittle House	3
Rowdy's Rustic Moose Lodge	<u>3</u>
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