

**MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 28, 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, October 28, 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 October 21, 2019 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 holiday schedule for FY 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Frazier voting no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to upgrade Shelli's computer to Windows 10 at a cost of \$199.99 from Stronghold Data payable from the Commissioners Misc. budget line. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to hire Michael Dainty for the ditcher operator utility position at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective October 29<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to hire Christopher D. Johnson for a backhoe operator utility position at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective October 28<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Ralph Houser along with Devon Brown from Mid-Continental Restoration appeared before the Board regarding exterior work that needs to be done on the courthouse. Brown detailed the work to be done as outlined in their proposal. He estimates the work will take 21 working days but anticipates the project to take six weeks due to weather conditions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to accept the bid from Mid-Continental Restoration for work to be done on the exterior of the courthouse at a cost of \$74,260 to be paid from the Courthouse Other Contractual Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

Janet Miller appeared before the Board regarding a combined effort with the cities and the county working together to create one "complete count committee" for the 2020 census. The Board took it under advisement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel for approximately five minutes with the Board, Counselor Wright, Clerk Edmondson, and Treasurer Raven Elmore. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 10:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:29 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

No action will be taken at this time.

The Board discussed employee gift cards and the courthouse Christmas dinner. The Board is in favor of both and will work out the detail in the upcoming meetings.

Counselor Wright presented draft contracts for the attorney's appointed by the District Court for juvenile and misdemeanor cases for next year. The Board set November 4<sup>th</sup> for approval of the contracts.

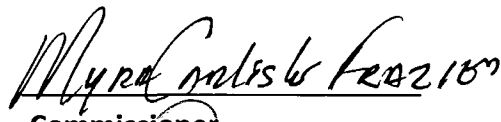
Counselor Wright informed the Board that she sent the notice letter to Trail Boss, Inc. asking them to produce a recycling trailer or to refund the money within 30 days. She hasn't received a reply yet.


Counselor Wright stated that the final Eminent Domain hearing was Friday and the Court is currently working to finalize the paperwork.

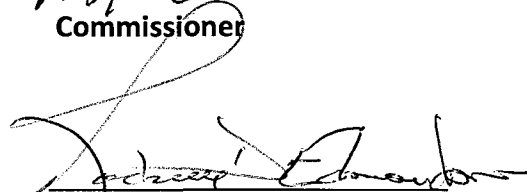
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, November 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:04 a.m.

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019

  
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County Clerk