

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 21, 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 21, 2019 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Neal Anderson 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

Dale Helwig, Cherokee County Extension Agent appeared before the Board to introduce Valerie Stone as the new 4-H agent. They extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Extension Council's annual meeting on November 7th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2019 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to hire Joseph Carlson as a backhoe and utility operator at the rate of \$14.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard presented a Project Programming Request document for the bridge project near Faulkner. The request will commit the County for 20% of the project costs. The Board signed the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel and an attorney client executive session for contract purposes with the Board, Counselor Wright, Clerk Edmondson, and Leonard Vanatta for approximately 15 minutes. The meeting will reconvene in the Commission room 9:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:18 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

No action will be taken as a result of the executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to approve the 2020 accounts payable dates as presented by Human Resources. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the payroll for the period ending October 11, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the accounts payable for the period ending October 17, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Frazier voting no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board, Counselor Wright, Clerk Edmondson, and Leonard Vanatta for approximately 10 minutes. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 10:05 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:54 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

The Board reviewed a lease agreement by Ray and Tracy Albright for a flood buyout property that the current lessee has deceased and they are next in line for consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to enter a lease agreement with Ray and Tracy Albright for a flood buyout property located on Lot 28 of Scotts 2nd subdivision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to sign the letter of support for Class Ltd for KDOT assistance in funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to recess until 11:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:44 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Jake Stockton of Stockton Restorations appeared before the Board regarding the work that has been done on the exterior of the courthouse. He stated that he is 60% finished with this year's contract and would like a chance to complete this year's work. He could begin in seven to nine days.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier for an attorney client executive session for contract purposes with the Board, Counselor Wright, Clerk Edmondson, and Ralph Houser for approximately 10 minutes. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 11:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:16 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

The Board informed Jake Stockton that at this time the Board has decided to cut ties with the contract and move in a different direction.

Ralph Houser made contact with MCR and they will have a representative here next Monday at 9:30 a.m. to address the Board regarding their proposal for the exterior restoration of the courthouse.

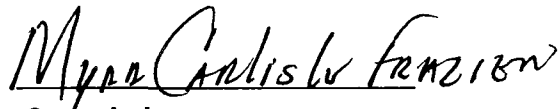
The Board discussed the topic of additional personnel for the sewer district that was tabled last week. Commissioner Moates stated that Jason Allison is working with Matt Biddle on the mitigation grant for possible repairs to the sewer system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to hire Matt Napier as an additional employee for the sewer district and to split the salary at \$17,500 for each employee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Frazier voting no.


Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, October 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 12:01 p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 28 day of October, 2019


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner


County Clerk