

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 4, 2017
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman Pat Collins 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, December 4, 2017 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present. Commissioner Cory Moates was absent.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt and Jordan Zabel

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Payroll for the period ending November 24, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the accounts payable for the period ending November 29, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2017 special session for fence viewing, and the November 27, 2017 regular session meetings of the BOCC as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0.

Joan Buergin appeared before the Board. She stated that the recycling bins are always full and asked if they can be emptied more often. The Board stated that they would check into it. She also stated that her road is in terrible shape. She lives on NW 6th St. and stated that the grader operator is cutting into the road bed and the ditches are getting full. The Board stated that they would check on it.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county highway department business. Louis stated that they would like to make a bid to the insurance company for the wrecked dump truck to be used for parts. The Board approved the action. Leonard stated that John Deere would like to come down and do diagnostic testing on the 6420 that is having transmission problems. The Board approved the request. Leonard stated that he has spoken with KDOT regarding the bridge replacements on Highway 166. He stated that they intend to replace two or three bridges per year, beginning in 2019. The plan is to reduce traffic to one lane and to construct half of the bridge at a time with traffic controlled by a signal light. Commissioner Collins asked them to look into the condition of NW 6th St.

Counselor Wright presented a draft resolution authorizing a real estate tax foreclosure sale for consideration by the Board. Chairman Collins read the resolution and stated that the Board will consider it for passage when Commissioner Moates returns on December 18th.

Mark Hixon, County Appraiser, appeared before the Board to update them on the application for exemption on the Galena Hospital. He stated that the Board of Tax Appeals will hear oral arguments on the motion to dismiss on January 17, 2018. He asked the Board for approval to purchase office furniture. He stated that he has budgeted \$7,500 but won't need that much. The Board asked him to wait until January 1st to make the purchase.

Jason Allison, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the 2017 application for Emergency Management Grant funds for the Board to consider. Chairman Collins signed the application.

Department Heads - Monthly Reports

Officials met with the Board for their routine monthly meeting for the purpose of updating the Board on happenings within each department, with the following department heads present: Barbara Bilke, Register of Deeds; Betha Elliott, Health Department; David Groves, Sheriff; Deana Randall, Human Resources; Jacob Conard, County Attorney; Jason Allison, Emergency Management; Mark Hixon, Appraiser; Ralph Houser, Maintenance; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk & Election; and Wayne Elliott, 911 Addressing & Mapping.

Barbara Bilke stated that they passed the recent inspection for issuing passports by the state. They will be testing for recertification this month.

Betha Elliott reported that there is still flu vaccine available. There will be changes to the WIC program in 2018 that includes the issuance of an EBT card instead of a paper voucher.

David Groves stated that they are participating in the Toybox program again this year. He reported 51 accidents involving deer in November. That brings the total to 193 for the year. He stated that they are meeting with some of the area churches regarding their security plans in light of the shooting in Texas recently. They have seen an increase in the concealed carry permit applications as well. He stated that the paper service for the tax sale is still ongoing.

Deana Randall reminded everyone that employees need to have all of their vacation and personal days used by December 31st or they will lose them because they don't carry over into 2018.

Jacob Conard reported that they are preparing for a jury trial in January on a murder case. He stated that the office remodeling is going well.

Jason Allison stated that they have done 12 inspections and issued six new permits for septic systems. He also informed the Board that the fees being charged are considerably lower than surrounding counties. He would like the Board to review the fees being charged in the future.

Mark Hixon stated that they are answering phone calls from residents regarding their tax statements.

Ralph Houser stated that he plans to put in a new pump and electrical system for the fountain for next year.

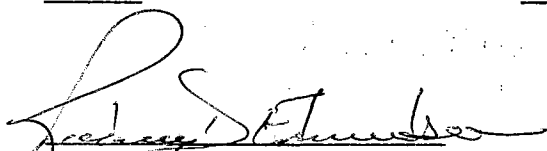
Rodney Edmondson reported that tax certification and the election are complete and now it's time for departmental inventory. He will send a reminder to department heads soon.

Wayne Elliott stated that they issued two new addresses and sold \$134 in maps to customers.

Audrey Lowe and Jamie Collins of Liberty National Life Insurance appeared before the Board to outline what their company can provide in benefits to county employees. Commissioner Collins asked them to schedule a meeting with the insurance committee. Deana Randall informed them that our current representative is scheduled to meet with employees here on Friday.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, December 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0 at 11:01 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 11th day of December, 2017

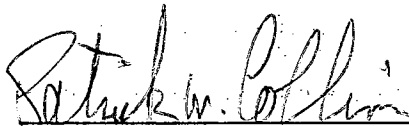


Cherokee County Clerk

Commissioner



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RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

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

1. That K.S.A. 79-2801, provides that in **all** cases in which real estate has been or shall be sold and bid in by the County at any delinquent tax sale and shall remain unredeemed on the first day of September, of the second year after such sale, or any extension thereof as provided by subsection (b) of K.S.A. 79-2401a, the Board of County Commissioners shall order and institute an action in the District Court, in the name of the Board of County Commissioners, against the owners or supposed owners of such real estate and all persons having or claiming to have any interest therein or thereto, by filing a petition with the Clerk of said Court.
2. That the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, have been advised by the Cherokee County Treasurer that there are approximately 463 tracts of real estate which have been sold and bid in by Cherokee County at previous delinquent tax sales, and which remained unredeemed on the first day of September of the second year after such sale, and are currently unredeemed.
3. That the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, has contracted with Robert Myers, Attorney at Law, to institute an action in the District Court of Cherokee County, Kansas, in the name of the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, against the owners or supposed owners of such real estate, and all persons having or claiming to have any interest therein or thereto, by filing a petition with the Clerk of said Court to enforce the lien for unpaid taxes of Cherokee County, Kansas.

ADOPTED this ____ day of December, 2017.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

Patrick Collins, Chairman
Cherokee County Commissioner

Cory Moates
Cherokee County Commissioner

Neal Anderson
Cherokee County Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF CHEROKEE:

I, Rodney Edmondson, County Clerk and Clerk Ex-Officio of the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, dated _____, 2017, is a true and correct copy of the Resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this _____ day of December, 2017.

My appointment expires:

Rodney Edmondson
Cherokee County Clerk

