

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 10, 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 at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 10, 2018 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Neal Anderson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 Cheyanne McKeehan

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2018 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Moates abstaining.

Counselor Wright presented a draft resolution for traffic control signage on SW 20th St. for a first read. The Board placed the item on the agenda for next Monday.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business. Leonard presented a final invoice for the 5th St. Project in Baxter Springs. The Board approved the invoice for payment, to be reimbursed by KDOT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the purchase of six Michelin grader tires at the discounted price of \$811 each. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

The Board approved the request to place two school bus stop signs on SE Lostine Rd.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board, Leonard Vanatta, and Louis Schreiner. The Board will reconvene in the same room at 9:35 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:29 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

The Board announced that \$11,109 will be placed in the Misc. Line of the road & bridge budget. The funds are from the sale of scrap metal that was gathered from along the county roads.

Garold Irwin appeared before the Board regarding his property taxes at 10965 NE Lawton Rd. He stated that his taxes have raised over \$1,000 in three years. Appraiser Mark Hixon was present and agreed to talk with Irwin regarding the issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to recess for 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:47 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:57 a.m.

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; Janet Miller, Economic Development; Jason Allison, Emergency Management; Logan Grant, Noxious Weeds; Mark Hixon, Appraiser; Ralph Houser, Maintenance; Raven Elmore, Treasurer; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk & Election; and Wayne Elliott, 911 Addressing & Mapping.

Sheriff Groves presented a contract to renew the agreement with Sedgwick County to house inmates. He stated that it has been reviewed by Counselor Wright. Chairman Moates signed the agreement. Groves also presented a proposal to construct a 30'x50' storage building on the grounds of the law enforcement center. Groves stated that they have enough money in the budget to pay for it. The Board approved the request.

Wayne Elliott stated that the construction company has reimbursed the County for the cost of new road signs on Highway 7.

Jason Allison reported that the cleanup of three dump sites is complete and a request for reimbursement has been sent to KDH&E for approximately \$40,000.

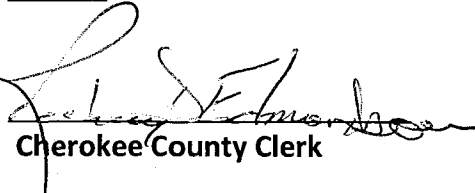
Raven Elmore reported that tax payments are coming in. She stated that there was a major issue with the company that was hired to mail the tax statements when trying to combine tax statement to owners with multiple properties. She stated that the information is correct on her side, the problem is with the vendor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to give a \$50 Dollar General Gift Card to all county employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0. The cards will be purchased from the Courthouse Fund.


Chairman Moates encouraged everyone to stay for the ceremony for Commissioner Collins, recognizing him for his 38 years of service to the citizens of Cherokee County.

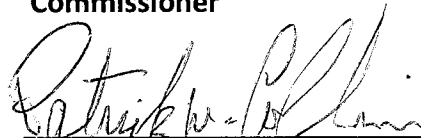
Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, December 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:10 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 17th day of December, 2018


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner