

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2017
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman 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, September 11, 2017 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt and Machel Smith

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the payroll for the period ending September 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2017 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 accounts payable for the period ending September 7, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor, appeared before the Board on routine business. He stated that Leonard Vanatta is with the asphaltting crew. He stated that the dust control application was started last week and they hope to finish later this week. There were additional sites that weren't on the map. Commissioner Anderson reported that the dead tree on the Courthouse lawn has been cut down. The Board discussed options to remove the stump. Louis reported that one of the mowers is in the shop with a bad hydraulic pump.

Commissioner Moates reported that he has spoken with David Beech regarding the 5th St. project in Baxter Springs. He stated that it's in the hands of the County Attorney concerning the right of way.

Commissioner Moates brought up the topic of conducting some commission meetings in the evening to accommodate the citizens that can't attend morning meetings. Counselor Wright stated that she can't come on Monday nights due to the Columbus City Council meetings. Clerk Edmondson stated that payroll couldn't be approved in the evening due to the direct deposit with the bank. It would delay pay by one day. Commissioner Moates stated that passing resolutions in the evening is also problematic due to publication deadlines with the newspapers.

The Board agreed to meet on the fourth Monday in October and November at 4:00 p.m. as a trial to see how it goes. The meetings will adjourn when all business is concluded.

Commissioner Moates stated that he had the privilege to attend the Quapaw Tribe's opening on their beef and bison processing plant. The plant is located straight east of the Quapaw Casino.

Commissioner Collins stated that he had been contacted by Empire Electric regarding the condition of the road exiting their property. He stated that the road was dug up to install a water line and now it's coming apart. He stated that Empire was going to contact the Joplin road district also.

Commissioner Moates stated that Empire Electric has purchased property across from Atec Steel in Baxter Springs. They are going to build a big facility that includes an office, shop, and a yard for equipment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for a 20 minute recess. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:44 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:04 a.m.

The Board signed lease agreements for the flood buyout properties. The agreements are for three years with an annual rent of \$1.00 payable in advance upon execution of the agreement.

Department Heads - Monthly Reports

They 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; Brenda Clugston, Health Department; David Groves, Sheriff; Deana Randall, Human Resources; Jason Allison, Emergency Management; Mark Hixon, Appraiser; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk & Election; and Wayne Elliott, 911 Addressing & Mapping.

Barbara Bilke stated that passports have slowed down with only three completed last month.

Brenda Clugston informed the Board that flu vaccine has arrived. They are looking to schedule a drive thru clinic for October 3rd. She presented a purchase order for an adult measuring device to be paid for with the WIC grant.

David Groves stated that they are still receiving DOC prisoners as there are still problems with the state prisons. He stated that he has a new officer that graduated the academy on September 1st and is currently in the field training program. He is working with the County Attorney to schedule presentations for school students, as well as a county wide officer training set for September 27th. He stated that they are making plans to escort a historic military vehicle convoy along Route 66 on September 24th. They will be escorted from the Missouri line to Oklahoma along Route 66. Sheriff Groves stated that he had spoken with the Homeland Security Council regarding the county's appointment of a representative to the Council. He stated that a motion in the minutes is all that is needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to appoint Undersheriff Terry Clugston as the county's representative to the Homeland Security Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Deana Randall stated that she needs a line item budget from the Commissioners for the Highway Department. The Board stated that they would get with her after the meeting.

Jason Allison stated that he is meeting with the demo crews this morning to get the final two houses from the flood buyout done today. He presented the Application for Emergency Management Performance Grant Funds for 2018 for the Board to review. Chairman Collins signed the agreement.

Mark Hixon presented a letter from KDOR stating that the County has met the criteria for substantial compliance of Kansas appraisals for 2017.

Rodney Edmondson provided an updated on the upcoming November election for cities and schools. He stated that he is working on the KCAMP insurance renewal and should have a copy for the Board to review next week. He stated that his office is also in the process of preparing for the tax certification and the calculation of the mill levies for all entities as soon as all of the budgets are received.

Wayne Elliott stated that they issued nine new addresses last month with six being new homes. They also made 48 maps and sold 22 to customers, and made two new street signs.

Chairman Collins stated that the Board was going to set evening meetings for the last Monday in October and November at 4:00 p.m. He stated that the Board would appreciate it if the department heads could be here, and to pass the word to citizens that normally can't come during the daytime.

Clerk Edmondson presented outside agency budgets for the Chairman to sign.

Clerk Edmondson informed the Board that the backup tape drive on the AS400 computer system needs to be replaced. He stated that Thomson Reuters is our vendor and they can have it replaced at a cost of approximately \$4,000. That price would include the tapes. Edmondson stated that it needs to be replaced before the end of year backup is run.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to replace the tape drive as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Edmondson stated that Linn County is hosting the SEK Regional Officials Meeting on October 20th in Mound City. The deadline to register is October 2nd.

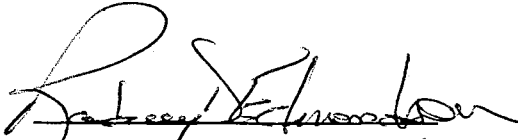
A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for attorney client privilege regarding litigation for a period of 15 minutes with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Clerk Edmondson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:44 a.m.

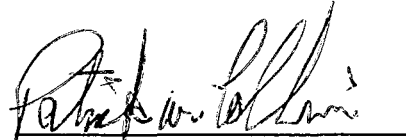
The meeting reconvened at 10:59 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, September 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:01 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 18th day of September, 2016


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


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