

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2014
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

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Commissioner Hilderbrand called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 AM on Monday, November 3, 2014 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Charles Napier, Pat Collins, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hayden Seal, kindergartener from Lincoln Elementary in Baxter Springs.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Francis Secrist, Jordan Zabel

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2014 BOCC Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor

Gene Langerot - County Lot Supervisor

They appeared before the Board on routine county business.

Commissioner Hilderbrand informed the Board that he and Leonard met with city officials in Baxter Springs at Atec Steel regarding the entrance to their facility. The entrance at 5th Street is a half city and half county road. The county will apply to KDOT for funding assistance in widening 5th Street from the east entrance of Atec Steel west to Highway 166. Leonard stated that he will submit a 48 hour traffic count to KDOT.

Gene reported that the new dump trucks are at the body shop now and delivery is expected before the first of the year.

Janet Miller - Cherokee County Economic Development

She appeared before the Board to update them on the application process for widening 5th Street in Baxter Springs. She has gathered most of the information needed and things look promising for KDOT funding.

Department Heads - Monthly Reports

They met with the Board for their routine monthly meeting with the following department heads present: Barbara Bilke, Register of Deeds; Betha Elliott, Health Department; Deana Randall, Human Resources; Jason Allison, Emergency Preparedness; Juanita Hodgson,

Treasurer; Kim Lauffer, Appraiser; Ralph Houser, Maintenance; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk; and Wayne Elliott, 911 Addressing & Mapping.

Barbara Bilke - provided a written report of activity. She reminded the Board that the new fee schedule for recording of deeds takes effect on January 1st. She is hosting a work session with local appraisers, attorneys, and others to inform them of the new law and fee schedule. She also stated that December 8th has been chosen for the courthouse holiday lunch.

Betha Elliott - She stated that Kansas has an Ebola Emergency Plan in place. KDHE is conducting weekly conference calls and has a regional table top exercise scheduled for November 17th.

Juanita Hodgson - She reported that taxes are ready to be paid. She is using Postal Pre-Sort this year to send out statements. It will be cheaper in the long run over having her staff prepare and mail the statements.

Rod Edmondson - He stated that the General Election is tomorrow and equipment is being delivered now. Canvass will be next Monday at 9:00 AM.

Wayne Elliott - He reported that he sold \$185.00 in maps and issued five new addresses last month.

Ralph Houser - Stated that there is a company that provides maintenance services on a monthly fee that would like to have the county's business. The Board stated that they were satisfied with the current maintenance staff and aren't interested in changing.

Shawn Turner - Transystem

He appeared before the Board regarding the Varck Road Lift Station in Riverton. It has major issues. He recently inspected it and most of the equipment is at the end of its useful life. He has talked with KDHE about solutions and he has a plan to bring the station back up to standards. One improvement would include installing variable frequency drive pumps to better adjust for changes in the flow rate. KDHE will amend the current loan that is in place if the Board were to officially request an extension to the loan agreement in the amount of \$500,000. He will draft a letter for the Board to review. He stated that the KDHE review process could take 90-120 days.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter an Executive Session with Judge Kent Lynch for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of five minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:01 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:06 AM.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Nathan Coleman - County Attorney/Counselor


He appeared before the Board with legal matters concerning Cherokee County.

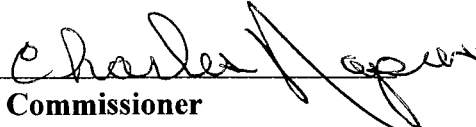
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Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for November 10, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:35 AM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, November 10, 2014


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

Vark Lift Station

Preliminary Phase
Cherokee County, Kansas

OPINION OF PROBABLE COST

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	UNIT COST	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
1	Mobilization	LS	\$5,000	1	\$5,000
2	Construction Staking	LS	\$1,000	1	\$1,000
3	Pumps and VFD controls, installed	LS	\$300,000	1	\$300,000
4	Stand By Generator	LS	\$40,000	1	\$40,000
5	Bypass Pumping during construciton	LS	\$40,000	1	\$40,000
6	Lift Station Site Work	LS	\$20,000	1	\$20,000
Construction Subtotal:					\$406,000
Engineering Design					\$40,000
Const. Inspection					\$30,000
Estimated Total					<u>\$476,000</u>

