

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2016
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman Myers called the Special 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 AM on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Robert Myers, Pat Collins, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present. Commissioner Charles Napier was absent.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, and Machel Smith

Treasurer Juanita Hodgson explained the use of two students as contract labor to receipt tax payments at the end of the year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to approve the Accounts Payable for the period ending January 8, 2016, with two exceptions. On page 8, item 89610 in the amount of \$190.75, and on page 9, item 89614 in the amount of \$5,500. These items will be discussed at the next meeting on January 25, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0.

The Board asked County Counsel to review the Personnel Handbook regarding nepotism. They want to be certain that contract laborers don't present any potential issue with a nepotism policy.

The Board asked County Counsel to look into the contracts for the Economic Development Director and the County Appraiser regarding the across the board \$1 per hour raise that was given to county employees. Clerk Edmondson provided counsel with the contracts and also a copy of the BOCC Minutes from November 9, 2015 where the raise was approved.

Commissioner Myers stated that a Department Head, has given pay raises, in addition to the \$1 per hour that the Board approved. The County Attorney has submitted raises for himself, the Assistant County Attorney, and one additional employee. The Board asked Counsel to review policy regarding this action.

The Board will discuss the legal issues on January 25, 2016.

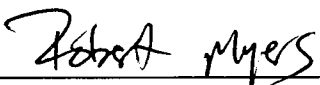
A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to approve the Payroll for the period ending January 8, 2016 with the \$1 per hour across the board raise that has been approved. With the understanding that once counsel looks into it if that is within that Department Head's discretion, and even though its above and beyond what the commissioners have approved, so be it, and it can be back dated. The difference would be added to the next payroll. Two employees on contract are left out of the \$1 per hour raise, until Counsel reviews the contracts and provides an opinion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Myers made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, January 25, 2016 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0 at 9:41 AM.

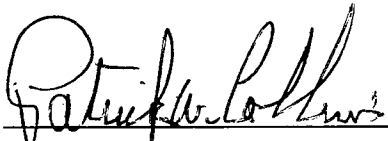
There will be no meeting on Monday, January 18, 2016 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 25th day of January, 2016


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner

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