

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 1, 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 and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 AM on Monday, December 1, 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.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Machel Smith, Jordan Zabel

Shawn Turner - Transystem

He appeared before the Board with an update on the Varck Road sewer lift station. KDHE has given verbal approval for a loan amendment in the amount of \$500,000 to update the lift station. He provided an engineering contract for the Board to review. They will have Mr. Coleman review the contract and take action next week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to enter an Executive Session with the Board for the purpose of Non/Elected personnel for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:10 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:20 AM.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of the November 24, 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 road business.

Leonard reported that the road at 122nd St. and SW Greenlawn Rd. will be closed for a while to replace the rusted out culvert pipe.

Property Tax Relief Applications - Baxter Springs Tornado

The Board reviewed Property Tax Relief Applications for consideration of tax abatements to homesteads damaged as a result of the tornado in Baxter Springs on April 27, 2014.

The Board reviewed the following application and made a determination as indicated.

Carl Wayne Conrad, 1034 Washington - A motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Napier to grant a 100% abatement. The motion carried 3-0.

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All properties are located within the city limits of Baxter Springs. The abatements granted are for tax year 2014. The approved abatements will apply to property taxes on structures. Land values and taxes assessed on land are not affected.

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; David Groves, Sheriff; Deana Randall, Human Resources; Jason Allison, Emergency Preparedness; Juanita Hodgson, Treasurer; Ralph Houser, Maintenance; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk; Wayne Elliott, 911 Addressing & Mapping.

Barbara Bilke - She provided a written report of activity. She also reported that a water line leaked in her office last week flooding the back office, but nothing was damaged.

Betha Elliott - She reported that their van was totaled in a collision with a deer. They had budgeted for a new one anyway so it will be replaced.

David Groves - He reported that the Sheriff's Office is working with the KOAM-TV Toybox Campaign this year, so they will be a drop off site for applications and toys.

Juanita Hodgson - She reported that her office is busy with the tax season. \$726,926 has been collected in property tax so far. She stated that the Postal Presort used for processing the tax statements has saved approximately \$800, not counting her employee hours.

Rodney Edmondson - He reported that his office has started working on preparations for the April City/School Election.

Wayne Elliott - He reported the issuance of two new addresses last month.

Chairman Hilderbrand stated that DeAnn Hill is ill and unable to appear at 11:00 AM to provide a progress report on the Treasurer's Office. He read an email update from her.

The Board took a 10 minute recess from 10:35 AM to 10:45 AM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to amend the agenda from 11:30 AM to 10:50 AM for Nathan Coleman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:50 AM.

Nathan Coleman - County Counselor

The Board gave him the Engineering Contract for the sewer lift station to review. He'll report back next week.

Juanita Hodgson, Treasurer, presented an investment report of current rates from American Bank compared to the State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. She has been working with the bank on what is the best investment for the county. She presented a sample resolution supplied by the State that is needed to invest with them. Mr. Coleman will review the resolution and have something for consideration next Monday.

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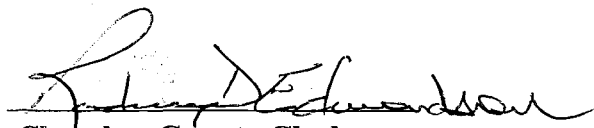
A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter an Executive Session with the Board and Mr. Coleman for the purpose of Attorney/Client Privilege for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commission Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:10 A.M.

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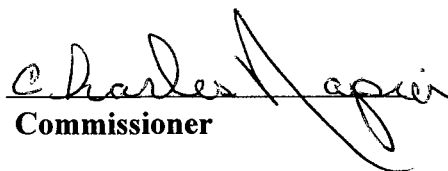
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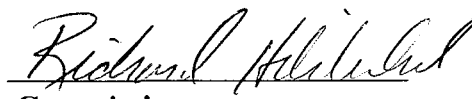
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for December 8, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:32 AM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, December 8, 2014


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


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Deposit Comparison				
Current Rate VS Municipal Investment Pool				
	Rate	Amount		Annual Income
American Bank 12 mo avg balance in main operating account @ .015%	0.015%	\$6,278,871.00	0.00015	\$941.83
If transferred into the MIP -Just used total of average balance for comparison purposes				
Overnite Funds used for immediate liquidity @ .01%	0.01%	\$778,871.00	0.0001	\$77.89
Fixed rate for 30-89 days (you pick maturity) @ .03%	0.03%	\$2,000,000.00	0.0003	\$600.00
Fixed rate for 180-days (you pick maturity)	0.09%	\$1,500,000.00	0.0009	\$1,350.00
Fixed rate for 1 year (you pick maturity) @ .10%	0.10%	\$2,000,000.00	0.001	\$2,000.00
Total Average 12 mo balance		\$6,278,871.00		\$4,027.89
Under this scenario, the County could earn additional interest income of:				\$3,086.06

