

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2011
COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD

The Cherokee County Commissioners met February 28, 2011. Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the minutes for February 14, 2011; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 15, 2011 Special Meeting; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collin, with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the revised minutes for the February 22, 2011 Special Meeting; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. Commissioners Garner, Collins, Hilderbrand, and County Clerk Crystal Gatewood signed off on all the approved meeting minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS CALLED BY COMMISSION

Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for fifteen minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege (to discuss the upcoming fence viewing and other legal issues for the county) with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and County Counselor Kevin Cure; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand, with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. They went in at 1:35 PM returned at 1:53 PM.

MOTIONS MADE BY COMMISSION

Commissioner Garner made a motion to take a break at 9:45 AM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins; with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and Garner voting in favor. The commission resumed the meeting at 9:55 AM.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to lower the county government flags in honor of the last surviving World War I veteran, Frank Buckles' passing away; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand; with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and Garner voting in favor.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to recess for lunch; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand; with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and Garner voting in favor.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Representing the Joplin Visitor and Convention Bureau, Tim Cox discussed the Route 66 Marathon. He explained the impact for tourism for the area with many visitors coming in during the event. Last year's event saw a large amount of visitors and participants. The commission expressed their thanks for him coming in and looked forward to the event scheduled for 2011.

Raymond Griffith came before the commission to discuss a personal property problem. The commission asked Raymond to get the additional information needed and get back with them at a later time. They thanked him for coming in.

The Cherokee County Register of Deeds came before the commission to complain about another office, other than her own, about the pay increases.

The commission agreed to pay for the new ceiling tiles for the Cherokee County Extension Office that needed replaced instead of the County Extension Office paying for them as reported in the minutes. It is also noted that Lorie Johnson of the 4-H Council asked for the correction.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta and Gene Langerot updated the commission on general road and county maintenance, and said that no major damage was reported due to the storm system that occurred the night before. Dave McClure and Michael Beachner of Mission Construction presented the commission a plaque for the new concrete bridge in Galena, Kansas. The group also discussed the phases on the bridge and Jason Allison was present for the discussion. The commission thanked everyone present for the award.

Carney Morgan came before the commission to discuss fireworks that were being disposed of near Crestline. He explained to the commission that the noise and the possibility of an accident could affect the citizens nearby. Commissioners Garner and Collins said they would examine the issues involved and talk to their attorney about the legalities. They thanked him for coming in.

Treasurer Juanita Hodgson brought in the 2011 February Sales Tax statement from the state and February 2011 revenues were up compared to last year at this time. They are attached to the minutes. She also reported she had received the Route 66 Grant money in the amount of \$30,000.00 for a re-imbusement.

Wayne Elliott and Terry Clugston brought a voucher for the 911 Wireless Grant to the commission, the state reimbursed the county for \$39,000.00. The county will issue an additional check taken out of 911 Wireless Fund for \$12,347.08 to pay the rest of the billed amount. Commissioners Hilderbrand, Collins, and Garner signed off on the voucher.

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Retiring County 4-H Director Phyllis Kriesel came before the commission to discuss and ask the commission to have posters and information about the Annual Walk across Kansas Program available at the Courthouse so citizens in the county could access the information and get involved. The commission agreed and the display is located on the first floor of the courthouse between the County Treasurer's and County Clerk's Offices. The commission also thanked her for over thirty years of hard work for Cherokee County and said she would be hard to replace.

The Commissioners, County Sheriff David Groves, County Counselor Kevin Cure, Baxter Springs Chief of Police David Edmundson, and County Attorney John Bullard discussed the issue of the purchasing of pseudoephedrine at businesses in the county and the possibility of a county resolution regarding the purchasing by consumers. The commission agreed to follow what the state is currently doing with the tracking program which shows who purchases it and how much they purchase. The Kansas Legislature currently has a bill they are working on for state-wide that would make the purchase of pseudoephedrine prescription only, so the consensus of all individuals in the discussion was to wait and see how the bill comes out at the end of the current session. Representative Doug Gatewood also was present in the morning and discussed his bill that he introduced in 1999. The commission thanked everyone for coming in.

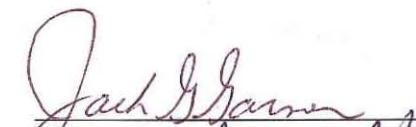
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 2:06 PM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held March 7, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.


Resolved and ordered this day, March 7, 2011



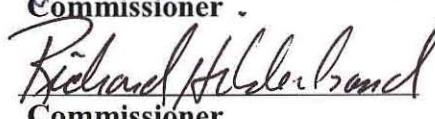
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