

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2016
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman Napier 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, January 11, 2016 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Charles Napier, Pat Collins, Robert Myers, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

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

Clerk Edmondson reported that Charles W. Sweeton would like to be reappointed as the Non-Lawyer member of the Eleventh District Judicial Nominating Commission. His term expires in March, and that appointment must be made by February 15, 2016.

County Appraiser Mark Hixon appeared before the Board regarding the Galena Medical Properties. He stated that an appraiser has been hired to do the appraisal, but certain actions need to take place before the appraisal can begin. He asked the Board to approve up to \$2,400 in expenditures.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to allow up to \$2,400 for appraisal costs for the Galena Medical Property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of the BOCC Meeting for January 4, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to reappoint Charles W. Sweeton as the Non-Lawyer member of the Eleventh District Judicial Nominating Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor

He appeared before the Board on routine county road business.

Darrell Peak appeared before the Board regarding his business using semi-trucks on certain roads when Highway 7 is closed for construction. In the past the county has provided a signed and sealed document that gave him permission to use certain roads. He stated that there will be other truckers in the same position. Leonard stated that Scammon Road will be open during the project. He also stated that the assigned detour will be on the west side of Highway 7, on NW 10th St. He stated that KDOT denied any financial assistance to the County with the detour road. The Board stated that they would make every effort to accommodate him and others during the construction period.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to enter an Executive Session with the Board for a period of 10 minutes for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:29 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:39 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

David Cooper - Special Counsel for Litigation

He appeared before the Board via telephone in open meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to enter an Executive Session with the Board, County Counselor Nathan Coleman, and Special Counsel David Cooper via telephone for a period of 10 minutes for the purpose of Attorney/Client Privilege. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:46 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:56 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter an Executive Session with the Board, Leonard Vanatta, Shelli Daniel, and Deana Randall for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 10:10 AM.

The Board convened at 10:10 AM for the annual Reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners for 2016.

Commissioner Napier made a motion to appoint Commissioner Myers as the Chairman of the Board for 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myers made a motion to appoint Commissioner Collins as the Board Vice-Chair for 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Collins abstaining.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to appoint Leonard Vanatta as the County Road & Bridge Supervisor for 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Napier made a motion to appoint Gene Langerot as the County Lot Supervisor for 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to appoint Cecil Brown as the County Noxious Weed Director for 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to table the remainder of the appointments until later in the meeting, allowing him time to gather more information. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to amend the agenda for Carl Hayes from 11:15 AM to 10:32 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0.

Carl Hayes - Chairman, Cherokee County Solid Waste Committee

He appeared before the Board regarding members of the Cherokee County Solid Waste Committee. He has accepted resignations from Art Mallory and Sandra Stricklin from the committee. He presented two names, Sandra Zinn and Richard Mallatt, Jr., for the Board to consider for appointment to the Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to appoint Sandra Zinn and Richard Mallatt, Jr. to the Cherokee County Solid Waste Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Carl discussed the possibility of cleaning up a property and having those costs applied to the property taxes. The Board stated that they would discuss it with Mr. Coleman.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to recess for a period of 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:44 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 10:59 AM under the direction of Chairman Myers.

Ralph Houser - Maintenance

He appeared before the Board regarding maintenance projects that he would like to complete in 2016. As a result of the discussions, the Board approved the estimate provided to clean the carpets in some offices. The Board also approved getting bids to replace the exterior doors to the courthouse. Commissioner Collins will get with Leonard regarding the removal of the fire escape from the courthouse. In regards to the windows that need repair, the Board asked him to get with Home Pro and see if they are under warranty or not, then report back to them.

Jason Allison - Emergency Management

He provided an update on the recent flood. He stated that the buyout grant would be approximately one million dollars with the county responsible for 25% in matching funds. He stated that during the last buyout, the county did the demolishing and hauling of debris as their part of the grant match. The Board asked him to keep them posted.

Nathan Coleman - County Counselor

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

They asked him to research the possibility of cleaning up a property and having those costs added to their property tax.

The Board instructed Mr. Coleman to forward the new litigation to Mr. Cooper.

A motion was made by Commissioner Myers to enter an Executive Session with the Board for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel for a period of 15 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:33 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 11:48 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

The Board continued the Reorganization of the Board that was tabled earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Napier made a motion to designate the American Bank of Baxter Springs, Columbus, and Galena as the official working bank for Cherokee County for 2016, with all other banks to be recognized as depositories. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Napier made a motion to continue with the Columbus News Report as the official County Newspaper for 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Myers abstaining.

Commissioner Napier made a motion to appoint Barbara Wright as the County Counselor to the Board of County Commissioners for 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Collins abstaining.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to appoint Jason Allison as the Emergency Preparedness Director for Cherokee County for 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Napier made a motion to appoint Betha Elliott as the Director of the Cherokee County Health Department for 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers. The motion carried 3-0.

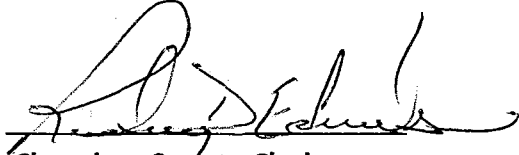
Commissioner Napier made a motion to appoint Mense, Churchwell, and Mense as the Official Auditing Firm for Cherokee County for 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

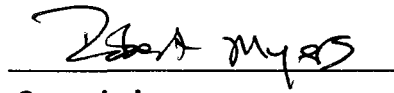
Commissioner Myers made a motion to adjourn until the Special Meeting set for Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 9:00 AM. The Board will meet for the purpose of approving Payroll and Accounts Payable. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:55 AM.

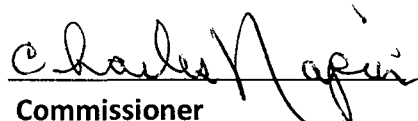
There will be no meeting on Monday, January 18, 2016 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

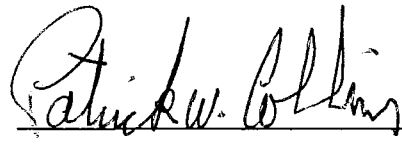
The Board will meet in regular session on Monday, January 25, 2016.

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


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


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The Supreme Court of Kansas



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Topeka, Kansas 66612

December 21, 2015

Terry Cizerle, County Clerk
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Re: Appointment of Non-Lawyer Members to the Judicial Nominating Commission

Dear County Clerk:

The term(s) of office for the following non-lawyer member(s) of the Eleventh District Judicial Nominating Commission will expire the first Monday in March 2016.

Charles W. Sweeton

In accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 20-2905(a)(3), it will be necessary for a member of your board of county commissioners to appoint someone to fill the vacancy created.

The member who is presently serving may be reappointed, or you may make a new appointment. The term of office for the new appointment will be from March 7, 2016 to March 2, 2020.

As soon as the appointment is made, but no later than February 15, 2016, please notify this office of the **full name, address, and phone numbers** (both home and work) of the person you have appointed.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather L. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Heather L. Smith
Clerk of the Supreme Court

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