

**MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 12, 2011****COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY****OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK****CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee County Commissioners met December 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Commissioner Garner, present were Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. County Clerk Crystal Gatewood submitted the minutes for December 5, 2011, Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the minutes as written by Clerk Gatewood; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor and with Commissioners Collins, Garner and Hilderbrand, and Clerk Gatewood signing off. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve and pay December Mid Month 2011 Accounts Payables; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand, and Garner voting in favor and with Commissioners Hilderbrand, Garner and Collins, and Clerk Gatewood signing off on the documentation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Commissioner Collins requested an **Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege**. Commissioner Collins made the motion to go into **Executive Session for ten minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege** with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and County Counselor Kevin Cure; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. **They went in at 10:50 AM and returned at 11:00 AM.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Leonard Vanatta of Road and Bridge and Gene Langerot of the County Lot reported routine maintenance was going on in the county. Commissioners Collins, Garner and Hilderbrand, and County Clerk Crystal Gatewood signed off on the construction agreement for the Weaver Bridge Project. The railroad right away was discussed on SE 20<sup>th</sup> and Brush creek and Leonard is putting up signage indicating a curved road approaching the railroad crossing in both directions.

County Counselor Cure discussed the Domestic Violence Policy for the county's employee manual. He also discussed the issue involving the last tax sale whereby the properties purchased have not been cleared and the county has not received the payment due from the court. Mike Beaty had been in earlier in the day and is having trouble getting insurance for the property he purchased from the tax sale earlier this year.

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Raymond Griffith came before the commission to discuss the land issues with Kansas Fish and Game. He explained he is going to the federal government for help.

Bill Handshy came before the commission to discuss a problem he is having with the Sheriff's Department on an investigation regarding a theft at his home. The commission said they would speak with the Sheriff and find out more information.

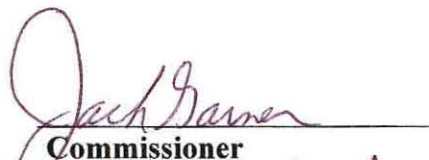
Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase a \$50.00 gift card for all employees and Department Heads of Cherokee County for Christmas, the purchase will be made from the General Fund Line Item - Employee Compensation. Commissioner Hilderbrand said to take the monies out of the Employee Compensation Line Item; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner with Commissioners Garner, Collins, and Hilderbrand voting in favor.

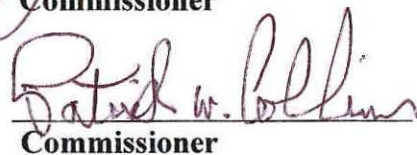
### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Garner made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 AM; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand with Commissioners Collins, Garner, and Hilderbrand voting in favor. The next regular Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held December 19, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas.

**Resolved and ordered this day, December 19, 2011**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
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Commissioner

  
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