

**MINUTES FOR MARCH 4, 2019**  
**BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

Chairman Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Jim Tunnell opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Neal Anderson, Myra Carlisle Frazier, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2019 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Debbie Hopkins from Quaker Hill, and a representative from the Lions Club, appeared before the Board regarding the upcoming Senior Health Fair. She stated that they are adding a Senior Prom along with Duke Mason providing entertainment this year. It will be held at the Riverton Wellness Center on April 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be health screening from the Lions Club, as well as hospice, home health, and representatives from Maude Norton in attendance. She stated that Café on the Route has donated 150 spaghetti dinners for the event. She is asking for the Board to consider a donation again this year. The Board took it under advisement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session with the Board and Counselor Wright for the purpose of the discipline of non-elected personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The meeting will reconvene in the Commission Room at 9:17 a.m. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:07 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:17 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business. Leonard stated that he checked the culverts at SE 60<sup>th</sup> St. & Lostine Rd. and discovered that the bottoms are rusted out. He stated that there are three 4'x5'x46' culverts in that location that have been there about 35 years. The Board asked Leonard to get a cost estimate to replace them with concrete pipe. He stated that there is another location that has three 6'x47' round pipes that will need to be replaced soon as they are rusting out also. Leonard stated that if concrete box culverts are of a certain length that they would qualify as a bridge and Special Bridge funds could be used.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to enter an executive session for the purpose of the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board, Counselor Wright, Leonard Vanatta, and Louis Schreiner to reconvene in the Commission Room at 9:47 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:32 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:47 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to enter an executive session for the purpose of the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board, Counselor Wright, Leonard Vanatta, and Louis Schreiner to reconvene in the Commission room at 9:58 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:47 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:58 a.m.

No action was taken at this time.

Clerk Edmondson informed the Board that Neosho County will be hosting the SEK District Officials Meeting in Chanute on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Clerk Edmondson presented a letter from Kyle Rennie resigning his position as Sheridan Township Treasurer, and a request to be appointed as the Sheridan Township Clerk. Edmondson also presented a letter from Sherry Bowin resigning her position as Sheridan Township Clerk, and a request to be appointed as the Sheridan Township Treasurer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to accept the resignation from Kyle Rennie as the Sheridan Township Treasurer and Sherry Bowin as the Sheridan Township Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to appoint Sherry Bowin as the Sheridan Township Treasurer and Kyle Rennie as the Sheridan Township Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

Judge Kent Lynch, Mac Young, and Tammie Carlson appeared before the Board regarding the water damage to the District Court Services offices on the ground floor. They just wanted to make sure everyone was on the same page to get the offices back in working order. The Board stated that recommendations for flooring would be welcomed. Jason Allison stated that the insurance adjuster would be back here on Thursday and he had said that estimates or samples for flooring ahead of time would be helpful.

### **Department Heads - Monthly Reports**

Officials met with the Board for their routine monthly meeting for the purpose of updating the Board on happenings within each department, with the following department heads present: Barbara Bilke, Register of Deeds; Betha Elliott, Health Department; David Groves, Sheriff; Deana Randall, Human Resources; Jacob Conard, County Attorney; Janet Miller, Economic Development; Jason Allison, Emergency Management; Mark Hixon, Appraiser; Ralph Houser, Maintenance; Raven Elmore, Treasurer; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk & Election; and Wayne Elliott, 911 Addressing & Mapping.

Jacob Conard stated that they filed 20 new cases last month with 18 of them being felonies. He reported that the National District Attorney's Association training on digital evidence was very helpful.

Commissioner Moates stated that it was brought to his attention that county employees had brought kids to work that were sick, in particular with the flu. He stated that he discourages doing that.

Jason Allison reported that all but one of the storm sirens are installed. They had to move one location due to water lines in the area. He stated that 63 hours were logged by volunteers during the water line break at the courthouse. He stated that each department needs to have a Continuity of Operations Plan

(COOP) in place for such emergencies. He has arranged for some training in that area and will send out a list of dates for a meeting.

Mark Hixon reported that valuation notices have been sent out. He reported \$7 million in new construction in the county. He informed the Board that he spoke with Hallowell Manufacturing about the refund due to them, and they would like their money as soon as possible.

Ralph reported on how well everyone handled the flooded courthouse, and provided an update on the progress of getting the affected offices repaired.

David Groves recommended a stop sign going northwest on Carver Rd. at the hill at 32<sup>nd</sup> St. in Galena. He stated that they will be conducting a mock car crash for Columbus High School on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Raven Elmore stated that they are doing training on the new tax software from CIC right now.

Wayne Elliott reported that they issued two new addresses and three building permits, sold 13 maps for \$66 to customers, and made six new street signs last month.

Commissioner Moates stated that the ice machine will be down until Ralph can find a suitable location on the ground floor.

Clerk Edmondson presented a sales agreement from Election Systems & Software for new election equipment for the Board to review. The only change from the initial quote was the addition of a new computer to compile the election results at a cost of \$3,548. The old one could be re-configured for the new software at approximately half the cost of a new one, but that would leave a three year old computer when everything else is going to be brand new. The additional cost would bring the total of needed funds to nearly \$7,000. The remainder of the purchase price of \$143,897.50 has been budgeted for.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to sign the purchase contract with Election Systems & Software as presented, with the extra funds needed to come from the Equipment Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

Counselor Wright presented the NRP Inter-Local Agreement from the City of Scammon. She stated that the Board would need to pass another resolution adopting the agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve Resolution 04-2019 adopting the Neighborhood Revitalization Inter-Local Agreement with the City of Scammon on a first read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to sign the Inter-Local Agreement with the City of Scammon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Counselor Wright presented a draft resolution for the changes in the Cereal Malt Beverage Act by the State of Kansas reflecting the 6% alcohol content for a first read. The Board placed it on the agenda for next week.

Counselor Wright stated that the property at 342 NE Lawton Rd. has a new owner and they have been cleaning up the property. She recommends no action at this time and would ask for a review in 60 days. The item was placed on the May 6<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Ralph Houser reported to the Board that 11 - 12 tons of paper products have been hauled off from the courthouse. He stated that there was still a little more left from some offices but a large dumpster wouldn't be necessary. He stated that he has been in contact with Touchton Electric & Alarms regarding an estimate to have water sensors and door alarms installed in the courthouse.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for a one hour recess to reconvene back in the commission room at 12:30 p.m. for the work session for the Road & Bridge Department Planning. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting reconvened in the Commission Room at 12:35 p.m. for the work session.

The meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m. in the Commissioner Room for the Road & Bridge planning work session.

The work session ended at 2:41 p.m. with no formal actions taken.

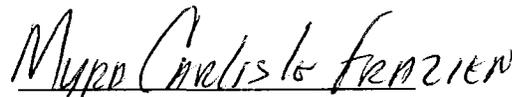
Commissioner Frazier made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, March 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 3:34 p.m.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2019**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS, ADOPTING NEIGHBORHOOD  
REVITALIZATION PROGRAM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS:**

**SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORITY.** K.S.A. 19-101, *et. seq.*, and K.S.A. 19-212 authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, to transact all County business and perform all powers of local legislation deemed appropriate, and to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the property and concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate or administrative powers.

**SECTION 2. PROJECT AND ADMINISTRATION.** The Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, pursuant to the Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act, K.S.A. 12-17,114, *et. seq.*, as amended, having published the requisite notice, conducted a public hearing on February 5, 2018, to consider the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. The Board hereby adopts the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for the purpose of development and revitalization of Cherokee County, Kansas, by creating incentives that stimulate new construction, rehabilitate, conserve and redevelop real estate in Cherokee County, Kansas, in order to promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Cherokee County, Kansas.

**SECTION 3. SCOPE OF THE PROJECT.** The Governing Body requested that all taxing entities located within Cherokee County participate in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program as a comprehensive approach to economic development and revitalization within the County.

**SECTION 4.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts and incorporates the Neighborhood Revitalization Program Interlocal Agreement, officially enacted by the following participating Kansas Governing Body and attached hereto:

City of Scammon, Kansas

**SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.** This Resolution shall be effective upon passage. The

County Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published in the official County Newspaper.

**SECTION 6. CONFLICT.** That all resolutions, County policies or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

**PASSED and APPROVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County,  
Kansas, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

  
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Cory Moates, Chairman  
Cherokee County Commissioner

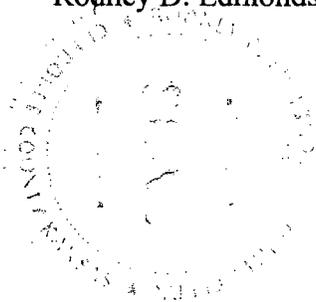
  
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Neal Anderson  
Cherokee County Commissioner

  
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Myra Carlisle Frazier  
Cherokee County Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Rodney D. Edmondson, County Clerk

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## 2019 Abstract of Appraised and Assessed Values as of March 4, 2019

Property Class	2018 Total	2019 Total	\$ Difference	% Difference	% of Total	New Const	\$ Increase	% Increase
	Appraised Value	Appraised Value					Less New	Less New
							Const	Const
Residential	545,959,490	572,853,690	26,894,200	4.9%	67.0%	4,882,080	22,012,120	4.0%
Ag Use	97,108,360	101,157,230	4,048,870	4.2%	11.8%	549,300	3,499,570	3.6%
Commercial	129,840,020	136,592,590	6,752,570	5.2%	16.0%	1,514,780	5,237,790	4.0%
Vacant Lots	21,738,080	39,692,870	17,954,790	82.6%	4.6%			
Not For Profit	445,320	1,215,200	769,880	172.9%	0.1%			
Other	1,536,200	3,347,050	1,810,850	117.9%	0.4%			
	796,627,470	854,858,630	58,231,160	7.31%		6,946,160	30,749,480	3.9%

Property Class	2018 Total	2019 Total	\$ Difference	% Difference	% of Total	New Const	\$ Increase	% Increase
	Assessed Value	Assessed Value					Less New	Less New
							Const	Const
Residential	63,786,432	65,878,880	2,092,448	3.3%	48.7%	561,439	1,531,009	2.4%
Ag Use	28,261,331	29,356,562	1,095,231	3.9%	21.7%	137,330	957,901	3.4%
Commercial	32,460,278	34,148,456	1,688,178	5.2%	25.2%	378,697	1,309,481	4.0%
Vacant Lots	2,608,569	4,763,165	2,154,596	82.6%	3.5%			
Not For Profit	53,440	154,826	101,386	189.7%	0.1%			
Other	460,860	1,004,115	543,255	117.9%	0.7%			
	127,630,910	135,306,004	7,675,094	6.01%		1,077,466	3,798,391	3.0%