

MINUTES FOR MAY 6, 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, May 6, 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 Anderson to approve the Minutes of the April 29, 2019 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor, appeared before the Board on county road business. Leonard reported that striping paint is \$770 per barrel for white or yellow. One barrel will lay down a four mile single solid stripe. He stated that the glass beads used for reflectivity are \$.60 per pound.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the payroll for the period ending April 26, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier to approve the accounts payable for the period ending April 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Larry Hiatt presented the opportunity for the Board to continue the tradition of sponsoring the graduation editions of the News Report to congratulate local graduates. The cost for both editions would be a total of \$740 for a nearly full page color advertisement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to purchase the graduate publication at a cost of \$740. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Barbara Wright reported that Gene Barrett has added staff and hopes to have a tax sale in a couple of months.

Jason Allison appeared for the condemnation review of the property located at 342 NE Lawton Rd. He stated that work has been done and that the owner is just waiting on dry weather in order to pull the trailers out.

A motion was made by Commissioner Frazier for an executive session for the purpose of non-elected personnel policy with the Board, Counselor Wright, and Jason Allison. The meeting will

reconvene in the commission room at 9:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:49 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to sign the lease agreement renewal for a flood buyout property with Ronda Walker. The motion as seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

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; Jacob Conard, County Attorney; Janet Miller, Economic Development; Jason Allison, Emergency Preparedness; Logan Grant, Noxious Weeds; Mark Hixon, Appraiser; Ralph Houser, Maintenance; Raven Elmore, Treasurer; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk & Election; and Wayne Elliott, 911 Addressing & Mapping.

Dr. Kurtis Gregory appeared before the Board to present the Cherokee County Extension Council budget for 2020. The proposed budget reflects a decrease of \$20,000 from the 2018 budget due to grant funds that have been obtained to help offset costs. Dr. Gregory presented a proposal from Vital Signs for an electronic information sign to be placed at the Extension Office. The estimated cost is \$24,000 plus a \$4,000 discount if purchased this month. They have begun the process of collecting donations for the purchase. The Board took the item under advisement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates for an executive session for the purpose of non-elected personnel benefits with the Board, Counselor Wright, Clerk Edmondson, and Sheriff David Groves. The meeting will reconvene in the commission room at 11:10 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:54 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to recess until 12:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:11 a.m.


The meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

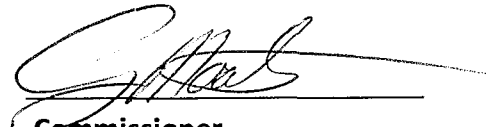
Betha Elliott and Brenda Clugston appeared before the Board for a budget workshop for the Health Department.


A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to sign the letter of support for the Solid Waste Grant Program as requested by the Cherokee County Solid Waste Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 3-0.

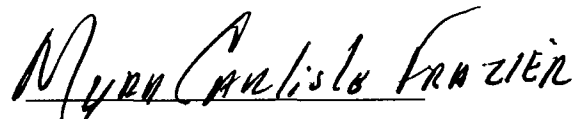
Commissioner Frazier made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, May 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 2:09 p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 13th day of May, 2019


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner