

Minutes for July 20, 2020
Special Sales Tax Planning Meeting
Cherokee County Commissioners
Cherokee County Kansas

Chairperson Frazier called the Special Sales Tax planning meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 20, 2020 in room 34 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas.

Commissioners Myra Frazier, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, and County Clerk, Kyle Rennie were present. County residents Mark and Suzanne Barns, Judy Adams, Machel Smith, Lorie Johnson, and Bert Kellum also present.

Commissioner Frazier opened by explaining the ½ cent sales tax question, is not a new tax, or it is not a raise of property tax, but simply a continuation of the current ½ cent sales tax due to expire December 31, 2020. Commissioner Frazier went on to explain this ½ cent tax raises approximately \$600,000 a year for Cherokee County. With the estimated loss of revenue that Cherokee County will be experiencing due to the merging of the Galena Hospital with Mercy, and the closing of Hallowell Manufacturing plant, Cherokee County will be faced with declining revenue and a continuation of the tax is the only way to be fair to all the residents of Cherokee County. The continuation would be in affect starting January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2032 if the question passes.

THE COMMISSION pointed out the revenue would only be used to fund the county ambulance districts and maintenance for county owned buildings.

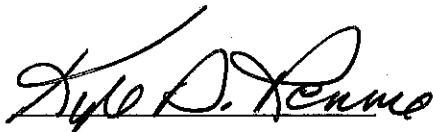
Cherokee County resident Bert Kellum stated wording of the question would be important.

Question and discussion session was held from those in attendance.

A plan moving forward includes town hall style meetings to engage the residents to pass the sales tax continuation.

Commissioner Frazier closed the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this July 27, 2020



County Clerk



Commissioner



Commissioner



Commissioner