
Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2021

Chairman Moates called the Cherokee County Commissioner's regular session to order at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 22, 2021, in room#109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Myra Frazier opened with a word of prayer and led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Commissioners Myra Frazier District #1, Lorie Johnson District #2, Corey Moates District #3, County Attorney and County Council Nathan Coleman, County Clerk Kyle Rennie, and Deputy County Clerk Kaden Wimmer all in attendance. Proprietor of and reporter for The Columbus News Report also in attendance

Commissioner Lorie Johnson moved to accept and approve the March 15, 2021, Commission Minutes. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve Payroll ending March 5, 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$162,656.64. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook reported on county road work and business. Cody started the culvert at Green Lawn Cemetery would be completed on March 22, 2021. And he is looking to install a culvert at Rivers Edge.

Commissioner Moates motioned to go into executive session at 9:24 with elected County Council Nathan Coleman and non-elected Cody Zook for employee discipline and to reconvene at 9:40. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. No action was taken.

Commissioner Moates moved to send a letter to Mr. Gudmonson representing KDOT, agreeing to reassign the new name of (Highway Alternate 166) to the stretch beginning at the interchange of US 400/166 to the intersection of Bagdad RD/K26. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Reports of Department Heads:

Economic Development: Janet Miller reported she participated in an online business survey. And updated the board on food pantries. Janet asked THE BOARD to consider redirecting CBDG food pantries funds in the amount of \$ 3,085.66 from Calvary Baptist Church to SEKMA Food Pantry & Thrift Store, Columbus Area Churches, and First United Methodist Church in equal amounts of \$1,028.55.

Commissioner Moates motioned to redirect Food Pantry Funds in the amount of \$3,085.66 from Calvary Baptist Church to SEKMA Food Pantry & Thrift Store, Columbus Area Churches, and First United Methodist Church. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Noxious Weed Department: Cord Mays reported he is working with cities and private landowners to control noxious weed populations in the county better.

Commissioner Moates motioned to sign the Cherokee County Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan Commissioner Johnson 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

Register of Deeds: Barbara Bilke reported County Residents do have access to online e-record and online search for a fee of \$25 daily.

Courthouse Maintenance: Ralph Houser reported on the on-going repairs on the exterior of the courthouse.

Cherokee County resident Royce Cantrell addressed THE BOARD, asking for direction and help in an on-going issue on property he owns with sewage draining onto his property and other problems in the Galena area.

Commissioner Moates motioned to go into executive session at 11:17 with County Council Nathan Coleman for Attorney/Client and to reconvene at 11:30. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. The meeting reconvened at 11:30.

Commissioner Frazier motioned to go into executive session at 11:31 with County Council Nathan Coleman for Attorney/client and to reconvene at 11:40. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. The meeting reconvened at 11:40.

Commissioner Frazier motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:41 with County Council Nathan Coleman for Attorney/Client and to reconvene at 11:55. Commissioner Johnson 2nd, motion passed 3-0. The meeting reconvened at 11:55. No action was taken.

Commission Chair Corey Moates Contacted CIC Cherokee Counties website provider, asking for an update concerning the county website that has been down for several days. CIC reported the county website should be back up on Wednesday, March 24.

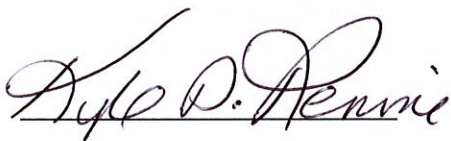
Commissioner Frazier made a motion to go into executive session at 12:42 with County Council Nathan Coleman and non-elect Jason Allison for Personal and to reconvene at 1:00. Commissioner Moates 2nd, motion passed 3-0. The meeting reconvened at 1:00.

No action was taken.

Deputy Clerk Kaden Wimmer reported he had procured two qualified applicants for the County Appraiser position and had scheduled interviews with both applicants with THE COMMISSION for March 29, 2021, the first at 1:00 p.m. and the second at 2:15.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular session on March 29, 2021. Commissioner Frazier 2nd, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:29. These Minutes are written in draft by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this March 29, 2021



County Clerk



Commissioner



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