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*Cherokee County Commission Meeting for September 20, 2021*

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At 9:00 a.m. on Monday September 20, 2021, Chairman Moates called the regular session to order of the Cherokee County Commissioners in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Chairman Moates opened with Prayer to Father God the Creator and leading all attending in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

District #1 Commissioner Myra Frazier, District #2 Commissioner Lorie Johnson, District #3 Commissioner Corey Moates, County Attorney and Council to the Commission Nathan Coleman, County Clerk Kyle Rennie, Road and Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook all attending for the open. Proprietor and reporter for the Columbus News Report also attending, Larry Hiatt.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept and approve the September 13, 2021 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve September 13 Budget hearing meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to Approve payroll ending September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to go into executive session at 9:31 for Attorney/Client with County Council Nathan Coleman, Jason Allison, and Cody Zook and to reconvene at 9:45. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:45.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve \$500 to go to the Cherokee County Tourism Grant Program 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to go into executive session at 9:49 for Attorney /Client with County Council Nathan Coleman, Jason Allison, And Cody Zook. And to reconvene at 10:05. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 10:05.

Commissioner Johnson moved to go into executive session at 10:07 for Attorney/Client with County Council Nathan Coleman, Jason Allison, and Cody Zook and to reconvene at 10:20. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed. Meeting reconvened at 10:20.

Commissioner Moates moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$350,138.82 and to withhold payment to Freeman Health System in the amount of \$3,221.74. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

Jake Letner representing the City of Columbus and Karla Abel representing CHC/SEK spoke with The Commission about funding for public transportation in Southeast Kansas. Also attending in support of public transportation in SEK were Mayor of Columbus Grant Spieth and spouse Toni, Columbus City administrator Daniela Rivas, representing K-State Research and Extension Christina Holmes and Dale Helwig.

Department Head Reports:

County Attorney Nathan Coleman, County Clerk Kyle Rennie, And County Appraiser Dave Thornton

Courthouse Maintenance Director Ralph Houser spoke with The Commission about the courthouse air-conditioning system.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 11:15 for non-elect personal with County Appraiser Dave Thornton and to reconvene at 11:25. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting reconvened at 11:25.


Commissioner Moates moved to hire Cord Mayes into the Appraisers Department as a field appraiser at \$17.03/ hourly. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0.

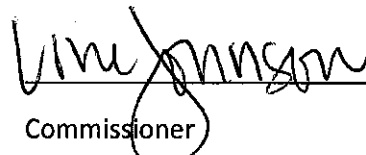
Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn until the next regular session September 27,2021. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:10.

These Minutes were written by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this September 27<sup>th</sup>,2021

  
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