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*Cherokee County Commission Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2021*

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At 9:00 a.m. on Monday October 4, 2021, Vice Chairman Johnson called the regular session of the Cherokee County Commission to order in room #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Frazier 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, County Attorney and Legal Council to the Commission Nathan Coleman, County Clerk Kyle Rennie, Road & Bridge Supervisor Cody Zook, attending for the open. Also attending for the open Larry Hiatt, Proprietor and Reporter for the Columbus News Report.

Chairman of the Commission Corey Moats not attending.

Commissioner Johnson moved to amend the meeting agenda to read Public Hearing to Vacate a portion of SW 90<sup>th</sup> & Blackjack Road. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept and approve the September 27, 2021. Commission minutes. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve payroll ending September 24, 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$605,995.99. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 2-0.

Road & Bridge Report: Supervisor Cody Zook reported on a number of projects:

Availability of parts and tires for county equipment, asphalt, Liberty/ Asbell project, local leader meeting, and River Bridge access on SE 110<sup>th</sup>.

Courthouse Maintenance Director Ralph Houser spoke with the Commission asking to secure quotes for repairs to the air conditioning system and to finish the masonry repair to the East side and South- East upper corner of the Courthouse.

Reports of Department Heads:

Sheriff Groves reported on preliminary talks with Federal authorities to house inmates. Sheriff Groves also presented a schedule of upcoming events. Columbus- day, Bloktoberfest Downtown Galena October 9<sup>th</sup>, Drug take back October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Columbus Trunk or Treat October 31<sup>st</sup> and Veterans Day Parade November 6<sup>th</sup> Galena Sheriff Groves also presented the Uniform Crime Report.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 9:48 with Sheriff Groves Cody Zook and County Council Nathan Coleman for Attorney/ Client and to reconvene at 9:58. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 2-0. Meeting reconvened at 9:58.

Vice Chair Johnson opened the Public Hearing to hear discussion in favor of or in objection to vacate a portion of SW 90<sup>th</sup> and Blackjack Road.

Commissioner Frazier moved to close said the Public Hearing. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 15-2021. A resolution Vacating a portion of SW 90<sup>th</sup> and Blackjack Road. Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 2-0.

Department Head Report:

Health Department Director Betha Elliot reported on COVID cases in the county have been sharply declining for the last 90 days cases reported in July 342, August 299, and September 191, with the current October number at 21.

Commissioner Frazier moved to have Cherokee County pay for all or any county employees who elects to receive the Flue vaccination. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 2-0.

Larry Hiatt reporter for the Columbus News Report submitted a sample of a full page add - to be run on Wednesday October the 6<sup>th</sup> promoting the Columbus- day events coming up on October 8, 9, 10. At a cost of \$200. The Commission declined.

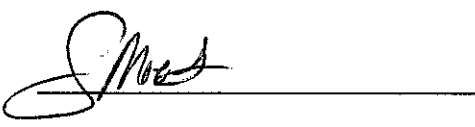
Commissioner Frazier moved to Adjourn until the next regular session October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Commissioner Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed 2-0.

These Minutes were written by County Clerk Kyle Rennie.

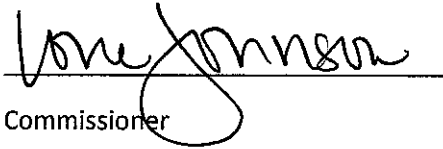
ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this October 4, 2021



County Clerk



Commissioner



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