

Minutes for January 13, 2020  
Board of Cherokee County Commissioners  
Cherokee County, Kansas

Chairman Corer Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners [ The Board] to order at 9 a.m. Monday January 13, 2020 in the Commission Room # 109 of the Cherokee

County Courthouse-located at 110 W Maple Columbus Kansas. Commissioner Anderson opened with prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the minutes of the January 6 session Commissioner Frazier seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve payroll period ending Jan 3 Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0

Commissioner Moates moved to approve accounts payable, Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Jay Justice and Jack Getman reported to BOCC that all fire protection contracts are in place and will update the BOCC every two years.

Leonard Vanatta reported he had two agreements to be signed by KDOT granting permission for road construction. Louis Schreiner reported one of the lot mechanics received a job offer and had asked if he would still receive his 2 weeks' vacation and 2 personal days. BOCC concluded he would receive the 2 weeks' vacation but not the 2 personal days. Lou Schreiner reported the recycle trailer would be ready in just a few days. Jim Burton, Chairman of Cherokee County Waste Advisory Board reported the grant money for the recycle trailer must be spent by June 1, 2020.

Wayne Cook spoke in support of the Pitt Bull Ban reporting stories of Pitt Bull Attacks across the country. And Pitt Bull traditionally were raised and trained to be in the dog fighting circles. Toni Spieth reported she had an informal survey of at least 30 county residents supporting the Pitt Bull Ban.

More discussion from others in attendance on the Pitt Bull Ban.

Sherriff Groves provided those in attendance with two drafts of a RESTRICTED BUT ALLOWED version of a Pit Bull Ban for consideration. Sheriff Groves stated he supports the Pit Bull Ban.

Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session 10:00 a.m. and to reconvene at 10;10

Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0 No action taken.

Commissioner Moates moved to nominate Commissioner Frazier for Board Chair, Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 3-0

Commissioner Anderson moved to nominate Commissioner Moates for Vice Chair Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed 3-0

Commissioner Moates moved to appoint the American Bank of Baxter Springs, Columbus, and Galena as the official working bank for Cherokee County. And all other banks to be recognized as depositories for 2020 Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Moates moved to appoint the Columbus News Report as the official county newspaper for 2020. Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 3-0

Commissioner Anderson moved to appoint Barbara Wright as the Legal Counsel to the Board for 2020 and to extend her contract thru reorganization of 2021. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session with non-elected personal Barbara Wright at 10:37 a.m. and to reconceive at 10:50 a.m. regular session reconvened 10:50 no action taken.

Commissioner Anderson moved appoint Leonard Vanatta as the county Road and Bridge Supervisor for 2020. Commissioner Moates 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 2-1. Commissioner Frazier opposed.

Commissioner Moates moved to appoint Louis Schreiner as Lot Supervisor for 2020 Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Anderson moved to appoint Logan Grant as the County Noxious Weed Director for 2020 Commissioner Moats 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 3-0

Commissioner Moates moved to appoint Betha Elliot as the County Director of Health for 2020 Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 3-0

Commissioner Anderson moved to appoint Jason Allison as the County Emergency Management Coordinator for 2020 Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 3-0

Treasure Raven Elmore addressed the BOCC, Raven stated concern about Mense CPA Firm conducting both the budget and audit processes.

Appraiser Mark Hixon addressed the BOCC about the high cost of Workman's Comp insurance being charged to his department and how could it be reduced.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 11:17 a.m. and reconvene at 11:28 a.m. meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m. no action taken.

Economic Director, Janet Miller updated BOCC on Rural Opportunity Zone Incentives.

Director of Health, Betha Elliot addressed BOCC asking for a 1 dollar an hour raise for 5 of her staff in her department. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the raise Commissioner Moats 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 3-0

Commissioner Anderson moved to renew the Rural Opportunity Zone Incentive, Commissioner Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 2-1 Commissioner Moates opposed.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into executive session at 11:42 a.m. and to reconvene at 11:52 a.m. with Clerk Kyle Rennie present Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> . Motion passed 3-0 meeting reconvened at 11:52 a.m. no action taken.

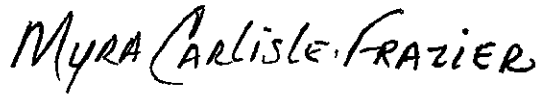
Commissioner Moates moved to go into executive session at 12:00 p.m. and reconvene at 12:25 p.m. with Shelli Daniel for non-elected personnel benefits. No action taken.


Commissioner Moates moved to adjourn until the next regular session January 27, Commissioner Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 3-0 Meeting adjourned 12:30 p.m.

The Board will not meet on January 20th, 2020 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday.

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this 27th day of January 2020

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
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