

**MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2018**  
**BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**CONVENE**

Chairman Cory Moates called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. County Clerk Rodney Edmondson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Counselor Wright presented a letter from the Department of Interior addressing the request of the Quapaw Tribe to have 211.3 acres that they own in Cherokee County transferred into their Trust. The Tribe is asserting that it will remain agricultural in use. The Kansas Attorney General had concerns that the Tribe will try to put in more gaming. The Department of Interior issued a favorable opinion for the Tribe.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor, appeared before the Board on county road business. He stated that CAT is coming over to take pictures of a motor grader that is being slated for a rebuild. Leonard stated that they worked last week on the cleanup of dump sites. He stated that Dave Beach said that it would be less than \$1,000 for Schwab Eaton to do a preliminary study to determine what would need to be done to replace the bridge south of U166 on SW 20<sup>th</sup> St. Beach gave a rough estimate of the replacement cost to be \$160,000 to \$180,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to have Schwab Eaton do a preliminary study on the bridge replacement south of U166 on SW 20<sup>th</sup> St. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board and Leonard Vanatta for a period of 5 minutes. The Board will reconvene at 9:43 a.m. in the Commission room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:38 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:43 a.m.

The Board approved a step increase for one employee following a favorable probation period.

Moates reported the sale of \$5,300 in scrap metal that has been collected by the County Lot.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the payroll for the period ending November 9, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the accounts payable for the period ending November 14, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Art Mallory presented three properties for the Board to consider condemnation proceedings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to move forward with condemnation proceedings on 342 NE Lawton Rd., Columbus; 10576 NE 30<sup>th</sup> St., Weir; and 8681 SE 71<sup>st</sup> St., Baxter Springs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Mallory stated that he stopped by the property in Crestline and spoke with the owners. They have made no progress in cleaning up the property.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, December 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:04 a.m.

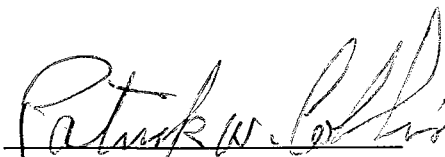
The Board will not meet on Monday, November 26, 2018.

**ATTEST:** Resolved and ordered this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2018

  
Cherokee County Clerk

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