

**MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 17, 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, December 17, 2018 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Neal Anderson 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, Cheyanne McKeehan, Dawson White

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Dale Helwig, Cherokee County Ag Agent, appeared before the Board to personally invite the Board to an open house & volunteer appreciation event on December 21, 2018 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. They will also be showcasing some of their plans and events for 2019.

Counselor Wright presented signed contracts for 2019 from the four current attorneys contracted with the District Court for the Board to review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to renew the attorney contracts with Doug Steele, Melanie Bingham, Candace Gayoso, and JoAnna Derfelt for 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Counselor Wright presented a draft resolution for traffic control signage on SW 20<sup>th</sup> St. for a second read.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve Resolution 30-2018 authorizing traffic control signage on SW 20<sup>th</sup> St. between W Maple St. and Highway 160. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business. Leonard reported that Paul Wheeler has cleaned up his property and has a contractor preparing to remodel the good part of the structure. He also stated that he has spoken with the Cupp's regarding the condemnation of their property in Crestline. They told him that there are a few things they wanted out of the house but are unable to gain access due to tree growth near the doors. Leonard reported that they will begin demolition tomorrow on the property in Riverton.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the payroll for the period ending December 7, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson for an attorney client executive session with the Board, Counselor Wright, Clerk Edmondson, and Appraiser Mark Hixon for the purpose of potential litigation. The meeting will reconvene at 9:47 a.m. in the Commissioner room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:37 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:47 a.m. in the Commission room.

Chairman Moates stated that no action was taken during the executive session and Appraiser Mark Hixon will address the issue in a public meeting at a later date.

Chairman Moates opened the public hearing for the purpose of amending the 2018 Road & Bridge budget at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was attending by several citizens that had questions and voiced concerns over the need to amend the Road & Bridge budget.

Clerk Edmondson presented a draft budget amendment prepared by Gene Mense for a \$1 Million increase in expenditures for 2018. Edmondson presented a review of fund balances and an expenditure report for consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to amend the Road & Bridge budget to reflect a \$700,000 increase in expenditures. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to close the public hearing at 11:05 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Art Mallory appeared before the Board for consideration of a revision to the 1999 rule on septic allowances for properties less than two acres. The administrative authority has the right to allow a waiver of the rule as long as the site in question is suitable. The Board did not object to the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for an executive session with the Board for the discipline of non-elected personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The meeting will reconvene at 11:41 a.m. in the Commission room. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:21 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:41 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.


Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Friday, December 28, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. instead of meeting on Monday, December 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:42 a.m.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2018

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAGE TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT AND PLACE CAUTION-CHILDREN SIGNAGE FOR NORTH-SOUTH TRAFFIC ON SW 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 160 AND NORTH OF WEST MAPLE STREET IN CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS, THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED:**

**SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORITY.** K.S.A. 19-101, *et. seq.*, and K.S.A. 19-212 authorize the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, to transact all County business and perform all powers of local legislation deemed appropriate, and to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the property and concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate or administrative powers.

**SECTION 2. PROJECT AND ADMINISTRATION.** Due to increased traffic and safety concerns on SW 20<sup>th</sup> Street, south of Highway 160 and north of West Maple Street in Cherokee County, Kansas, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, directs the County Road and Bridge Department to place permanent speed limit signs for North - South traffic, as follows:

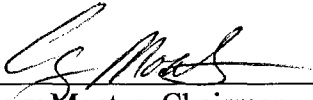
The speed limit shall be twenty (20) miles per hour on SW 20<sup>th</sup> Street for one-half (1/2) mile south of Highway 160 and then increase to thirty (30) miles per hour south to West Maple Street.

**SECTION 3.** Due to the development of the athletic/recreational park located at the intersection of Crossland Lane and SW 20<sup>th</sup> Street, the Board of County Commissioners directs the County Road and Bridge Department to place "Caution - Children" signage at appropriate locations on SW 20<sup>th</sup> Street south of Highway 160.

**SECTION 4.** All resolutions, County policies or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This resolution shall be effective upon passage and shall be published in the official County newspaper.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 17 day of December, 2018, by the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas.



Cory Moates, Chairman  
Cherokee County Commissioner

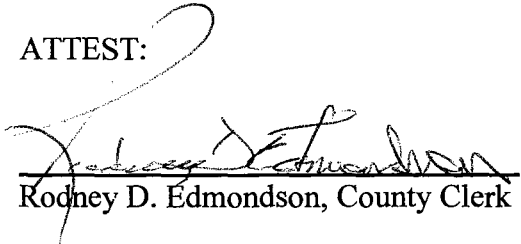


Neal Anderson  
Cherokee County Commissioner



Patrick Collins  
Cherokee County Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rodney D. Edmondson, County Clerk

SEAL