

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 11, 2017
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman Pat Collins called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (The Board), to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 11, 2017 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present. Commissioner Cory Moates was absent.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2017 BOCC meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county highway department business. Commissioner Collins reported that they viewed 6th St. and found nothing wrong with the road. The Board reviewed a list of bids for a new power washer and trailer. Louis stated that it will take two or three weeks to have it built.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to purchase a new power washer and tandem axle trailer at a cost of \$11,250. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 2-0.

Leonard reported that core drilling will take place tomorrow for the Faulkner Bridge Project. A field check is scheduled for January 3rd.

Jack Hall, President of the Cherokee County Sportsman Association, appeared before the Board regarding the increase in their property taxes. Commissioner Collins stated that the state has increased the valuation of the strip pit property and that has caused the increase. Commissioner Collins suggested that they pay the taxes under protest to apply for a hearing regarding the increase. He also suggested that they get with an attorney and seek non-profit status for their organization. Mr. Hall will meet with Mark Hixon, County Appraiser, regarding the appeal process.

Counselor Wright reported that both parties involved in the fence viewing have signed a written agreement for maintaining the fence between the two properties.

Counselor Wright reported that she has been working on the list of county owned properties for auction. She has a few more questions regarding properties that the county might want to keep. She will review the list one more time and present a complete list for the Board to review and determine what methods of advertising for the sale will be used.

Jason Allison, County Emergency Management Coordinator, appeared before the Board regarding purchasing new vehicles for his department. He stated that KHP has two Ford Explorers with 48,000 miles available for \$23,500 each. They agreed to put a temporary hold on the vehicles to be purchased after the first of the year. The Board asked him to keep a hold on them and a decision by the Board can be made next Monday after Commissioner Moates returns.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to take a 10 minute recess. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 2-0 at 10:26 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

Carl Hayes, representing the Solid Waste Committee, appeared before the Board regarding the membership of the committee. He stated that Kelly Barnes of Baxter Springs and William Wilston of Galena have expressed an interest in joining the committee. Carl stated that he is resigning from the committee since he was the county's representative and is now retired from his position with the county. However, he would like to be reappointed as a citizen member of the committee. He stated that Jim Burton is now the chairman of the solid waste committee. The Board took it under advisement.

Counselor Wright stated that she has submitted new contracts to the Contract Attorney's to the District Court. She has not received any of them back yet.

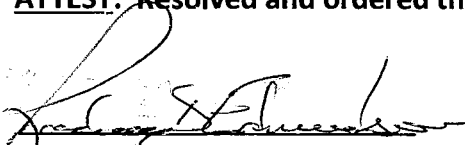
A motion was made by Commissioner Collins for an executive session for the discipline of non-elected personnel with the Board for a period of 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 2-0 at 11:01 a.m.

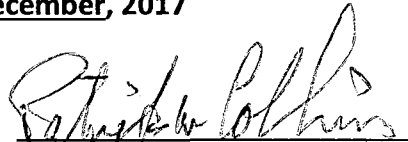
The meeting reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

No action was taken during the executive session.


Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, December 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 2-0 at 11:12 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 18th day of December, 2017


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

