

MINUTES FOR MAY 8, 2017
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

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Chairman 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, May 8, 2017 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, Cory Moates, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Machel Smith, and Jordan Zabel

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor, appeared regarding routine county road business. He reported that they are doing road work from the floods and will start asphaltting when that is finished.

Juanita Hodgson, County Treasurer, reported that the Spider Fund and the Concealed Carry Fund have a zero balance with invoices pending from the Sheriff. The Board asked her to notify him and have him get with them regarding the matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017 BOCC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the Payroll for the period ending April 28, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

Juanita Hodgson reported that the Sheriff is unavailable to come in, but he stated that they could pull the invoice that is payable by Spider and Concealed Carry Funds and he will come in next week and discuss it with them. She also presented a duplicate title for the Boards signature. The title was for a dump truck that was purchased by Tri-State Asphalt in 2006 at a county sale and never registered and they have lost the title. She stated that Tri-State will pay all of the costs associated with the duplicate title. Chairman Collins signed the title.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the accounts payable for the period ending May 1, 2017 with the exception of the invoice payable from Spider and Concealed Carry Funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed the implementation of a Fire Protection Tax to be added to the townships. Counselor Wright will draft a letter to the townships stating the intentions of the Board.

Janet Miller, Economic Development Director, appeared regarding the vacancy of position #5 on the Economic Development Advisory Committee. Lance Nichols has volunteered to replace Dale Oglesby.

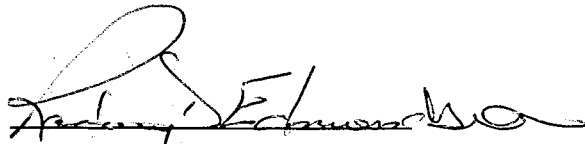
A motion was made by Commissioner Collins, to add Lance Nichols to position #5 of the Economic Development Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Ralph Houser, Maintenance Director, appeared with representatives from Home Pro who appeared before the Board to discuss energy savings and solar panels for the courthouse. The technology would be similar to the one used at the technology center at Pitt State. They are seeking permission to look at the utility bills and to do an energy usage study and use the data to develop a plan. They discussed replacing the existing lights with LED lighting and the possibility of adding solar panels to the courthouse as a means of reducing energy consumption. The Board approved the completion of an energy study by Home Pro.

Sheriff Groves and Under Sheriff Clugston appeared before the Board regarding the invoice for the fingerprint machine. Sheriff Groves stated that he would submit the invoice through existing funds. Clugston presented a letter from the Cherokee Township Fire Department seeking a vehicle donation by the county to be used to respond to medical emergencies. He stated that there is a 2003 Ford Expedition that is no longer being used by the Sheriff's Department. He stated that Columbus EMS is going to provide the necessary supplies. The Board agreed to sell the vehicle to Cherokee Township Fire Department for \$1.00.

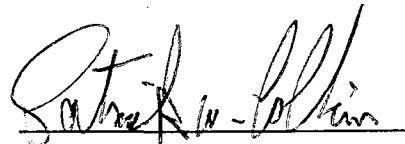
Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, May 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moates. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:58 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 15th day of May, 2017


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

Cherokee County Economic Development Advisory Committee*

Position #1 (Weir) - Amy Zortz

Position #2 (Scammon) – Bob Norris

Position #3 (Columbus) - Thomas Niegisch

Position #4 (Baxter Springs) - Brian Smith

Position #5 (Galena) - ~~Dale Oglesby~~ Lance Nichols

Position #6 (Commissioner District #1) - David Nelson

Position #7 (Commissioner District #2) - Trish Carroll

Position #8 (Commissioner District #3) – Bert Kellum

Position #9 (County Commissioner) – Neal Anderson

* Members were appointed by the Commission at their 3/6/17 meeting. As per resolution 07-2013, these appointments will expire January 31, 2019.

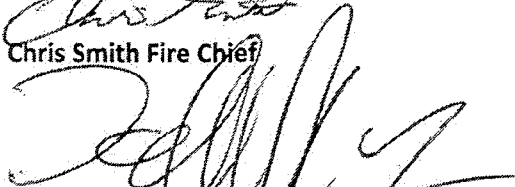
CHEROKEE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

102 N MCKINLEY ST WEIR, KS 66781

The Cherokee Township Fire Department is putting a vehicle in the north end of the county to respond to medical emergencies. There are 3 EMT's that are going to be first responding for Columbus EMS. We are seeking the help of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department in way of a vehicle donation. We are looking at the 2003 Ford Expedition. The vehicle will be registered to and insured by the Cherokee Township Fire Department. This has been approved by their board and with Doug Mogle. Cherokee Township Fire Department assumes all responsibility for the vehicle and releases the County of any liability. Thank you for your consideration.



Chris Smith Fire Chief



John Rahe Assistant Chief

