

MINUTES FOR MARCH 17, 2014
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

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Commissioner Hilderbrand 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 AM on Monday, March 17, 2014 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Charles Napier, Pat Collins, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Mabelle Smith, and Shawnda Qualls

Murray Balk - KDHE Chief of Surface Mining Section

Randy Johnson - KDHE Inspection Supervisor Surface Mining Section

They appeared before the Board regarding the Deer Creek 2 Reclamation Project. The location of the project is on Lawton Road between NW 90th St. and NW 100th St. They are closing approximately 20 acres of the existing pit due to soil erosion bringing the water closer to the road. They are creating a 5 acre pond for fish habitat and spawning as well as adding wetlands for hunting. They expect to replace the water acre for acre. They have offered to meet with anyone that is concerned about their project, but have yet to be contacted.

Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor

He appeared on routine county road business.

Doug Mogle and Mike King - Cherokee County Ambulance

They appeared before the Board to provided year-end statements for the ambulance district in Columbus and Galena. Last year 2 new ambulances were put in service. They also had one more refurbished. The Board took a few minutes to go out and look at the new ambulance.

Janet Miller and Trish Carroll - Certified Work Ready Communities

They appeared before the Board as a follow-up, asking Cherokee County to become a participating employer for the Certified Work Ready Communities Program. They explained the program to the Department Heads. They stated that the ACT Academic Assessments have a tie to Common Core, not to the Certified Work Ready Communities Program. They need 17 employers county wide to agree to recognize the credentials. The Board took it under advisement.

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Department Heads - Monthly Reports

They met with the Board for their routine monthly meeting with the following Department Heads present: Barbara Bilke, Register of Deeds; Betha Elliott, Health Department; David Groves, Sheriff; Deana Randall, Human Resources; Juanita Hodgson, Treasurer; Ralph Houser, Maintenance; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk; and Wayne Elliott, 911 Mapping & Addressing.

Barb Bilke - provided updates on mortgage registration legislation.

Betha Elliott - presented an application for a KDHE Grant in the amount of \$90,395.00. She asked that the Board consider adding a generator at the Health Department. The building and grounds are in need of some repairs and updates. The Board will schedule 30 minutes next Monday to inspect the property. They asked her to get an estimate on a generator.

David Groves - He presented an estimated size and cost for a storage building for the Law Enforcement Center. The Board asked him to send it out for bids.

Quade Quesenberry and Stan Sechler - Corporate Business System

They appeared before the Board to talk about what they can offer the county for IT services. Response time and resolution of a breakdown is expected to be 4 hours or less. Their technical personnel would come out of Springfield, Missouri. They did a walk-through of the courthouse, but will need to come back next week with an IT Engineer.

Mitch Horner and James Richards - Stronghold Data

They appeared before the Board to address the IT services that they are providing to Cherokee county, and the level of customer service that is being received. They have been providing IT Services to Cherokee County for 17 years. A problem developed in February with the firewall. The manufacturer had a bug in the software that has now been fixed. They recommend the county consider a managed services contract instead of the break/fix arrangement that is currently being utilized. They will prepare a proposal for consideration.

Trish Carroll - Columbus Telephone

She appeared as the Fiber Optic and Internet Provider to Cherokee County, and to offer any assistance that is needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2014 BOCC Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to support the Certified Work Ready Communities as a participating employer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand. The motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Napier voting no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to enter into an Executive Session with the Board for a period of 10 minutes for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:20 AM.

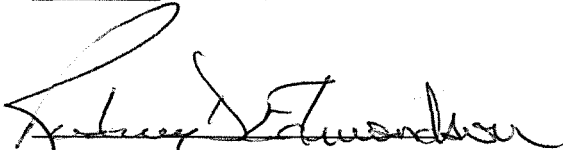
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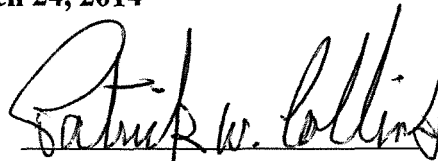
The meeting reconvened at 11:30 AM.

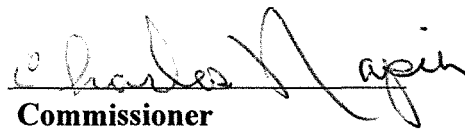
No action taken as a result of the Executive Session.


Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for March 24, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:39 AM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this day, March 24, 2014


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner