

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 9, 2019
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

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 9, 2019 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 West Maple, Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Myra Carlisle Frazier opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Neal Anderson, Myra Carlisle Frazier, County Counselor Barbara Wright, and County Clerk Rodney Edmondson were present.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 BOCC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frazier. The motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Moates abstaining.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor and Louis Schreiner, County Lot Supervisor appeared before the Board on county road business. Leonard presented a contract from Schwab Eaton to design the short span bridge located 1 mile south and 4/10 of a mile east of West Mineral at a cost of \$34,000. The project is an 80/20 KDOT grant for short span bridge replacement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to sign the contract for engineering and design of the short span bridge. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Kevin Back appeared before the Board regarding four connecting parcels of property that he owns, but due to platted, undeveloped roads on the property, he receives four individual tax statements. They are located four miles east of KOAM in Lawton. He would like the roads vacated and the parcels combined into one. Rebecca Brassart stated that they are platted alleys or roads that are county owned. Counselor Wright stated that she would need to get the legal description of the property to start the process.

Jason Allison presented a storm siren maintenance renewal contract from Blue Valley Public Safety for all the sirens in the county.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moates to sign the maintenance contract for the storm sirens with Blue Valley Public Safety in the amount of \$9,570. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0.

Betha Elliot and Brenda Clugston presented bids from Stronghold Data, New Egg, and KissTech for the replacement and upgrades to the computers at the Health Department. The low bid was from Stronghold Data for complete purchase and installation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to purchase the advertisement in the News Report for the Christmas greeting from the county commissioners as presented, with payment from Dist. 2 and Dist. 3 recreation funds in the amount of \$620. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 2-1 with Commissioner Frazier voting no.

Rodney Edmondson, County Clerk gave the Board formal notice for the record that he is resigning his position as the Cherokee County Clerk & Election Officer at the end of business on December 27th. His official retirement date is January 1, 2020. He has notified the Governor and the chair of the Cherokee County Republican Party of his decision.

Commissioner Moates made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, December 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0 at 11:50 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 16th day of December, 2019


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner


County Clerk