

MINUTES FOR APRIL 20, 2015
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, April 20, 2015 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, Machel Smith, Jordan Zabel

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Minutes of the BOCC Meeting for April 13, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Payroll for the month of April, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to approve the Accounts Payables for the month of April, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1701a to approve one clerical error in the valuation of a property located at 4950 SE 118th St. owned by Claire E. Moore as recommended by the appraisers office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

W.E. Schaiff appeared before the Board concerning the election contest that has been filed in the District Court concerning Ward 4 in Columbus. He feels the County Clerk should pay the \$195 that the candidate was forced to pay to the District Court. Clerk Edmondson stated that he was doing what the Secretary of State's Office and legal counsel instructed him to do and that there was nothing he could do to correct the mistake at the polling place, it was human error.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to give a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card to any employee that participates in the health screenings for the first time, or any employee that made improvement or stayed the same from last year's screenings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

Property Tax Relief Applications - Baxter Springs Tornado

The Board reviewed Property Tax Relief Applications for consideration of tax abatements to homesteads damaged as a result of the tornado in Baxter Springs on April 27, 2014.

The Board reviewed the following application and made determinations as indicated.

Elanor Myers, 524 E 13th St. – A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand, seconded by Commissioner Napier to deny any relief based on the fact that damage was only 16% of the value of the structure. The motion carried 3-0. The minimum is 50% damage to qualify for any relief.

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Students and faculty from USD 247 appeared before the Board to present them with a thank you banner for their donation to the safe room project at the school in Weir.

Leonard Vanatta - County Road Supervisor
Gene Langerot - County Lot Supervisor

They appeared before the Board on routine county road business.

A motion was made by Commissioner Napier to enter an Executive Session with the Board, Gene Langerot, and Leonard Vanatta for a period of 10 minutes for the purpose of Non/Elected personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 9:28 AM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:38 AM.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to amend the agenda from 10:45 AM to 10:34 AM for Jean Pritchett. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

Jean Pritchett - Columbus Chamber of Commerce

She appeared before the Board to present two applications for tourism grants. The Galena Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$300 for Galena Days Celebration. The Columbus Cal Ripken Baseball Association is requesting \$300 for the Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to approve both grant requests. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

Mac Young - Community Corrections

He appeared before the Board seeking approval of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan and Budget for the 11th Judicial District Community Corrections.

He reported that there are no changes to the core programs for 2016. The budget for 2016 is \$511,135, a reduction from the 2015 budget of \$535,383. He stated that the legislative session is not complete and more cuts could come.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to accept the 2016 Comprehensive Plan for Community Corrections as presented by Mac Young. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes. Chairman Hilderbrand signed the agreement.

A completed agreement will be returned when all counties have signed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilderbrand to amend the agenda from 11:30 AM to 11:11 AM for Nathan Coleman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0.

Nathan Coleman - County Counselor

He appeared before the Board regarding legal matters concerning Cherokee County.

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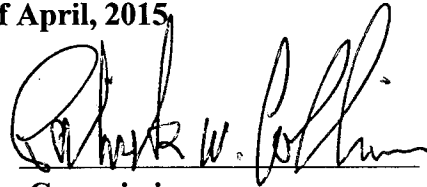
He updated the Board on Dustin Bronson's request for a family cemetery. Mr. Bronson was unable to appear today, so it has been continued to next week. He stated that the county approved a similar request in 2006 and stated at that time no county prohibitions against it existed.

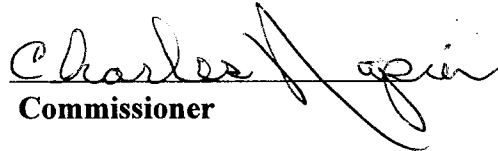
He reported that the election contest over the Columbus Ward 4 issue is now in the hands of the District Court.

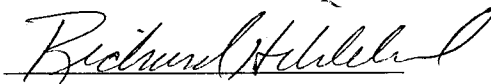
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for April 27, 2015 at 9:00 AM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Napier. The motion carried 3-0 with all voting yes at 11:35 AM.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 27th day of April, 2015.


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

Columbus Chamber of Commerce

320 E. Maple * Columbus, KS 66725 * 620-429-1492

APPLICATION

CHEROKEE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM 2015

PLEASE USE ONLY THIS FORM

IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS
ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE TYPED.

DATE OF REQUEST MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 60 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT

Date of Request MARCH 3, 2015

Name of Event/Project GALENA'S ANNUAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION "GALENA DAYS"

Date(s) of Event/Project JUNE 4-5-6, 2015

Name of Sponsoring Organization GALENA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Briefly describe event/project THREE NIGHTS OF FREE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT.

CARNIVAL, BINGO, FOOD STANDS AND PRIZES GIVEN AWAY.

Person making Grant/Request BILL HALL, FIRE CHIEF

Address 1524 HILLVIEW LANE----GALENA, KS. 66739

Work Phone CELL 417-439-9609 Home Phone 620-783-5404

Grant amount being requested (\$300 maximum) \$300.00

Is this event in any way a fundraiser for your organization? xx yes no

Estimated number of expected attendees THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND

Estimated number of room nights generated: FOUR

Estimated number of attendees that are day-trippers UNKNOWN

Where will they stay while in Cherokee County? UNKNOWN

How will grant money be used (be specific) HELP FUND THE TOTAL EXPENSES OF

THE CELEBRATION. OUR COST IS APPROXIMATELY \$30,000

Attach projected budget for entire event/project to this application.

Where will visitors come from? FOUR STATE AREA AND OTHERS.

Is this a one-time event? An on-going project? Explain ANNUAL EVENT.

Have you received prior funding from this grant? Explain YES, THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS

How will this event/project increase tourism revenue in Cherokee County? BRING PEOPLE TO TOWN-purchase gasoline, food and stay in local motels.

If event/project will not directly affect tourism, how will it improve or enhance Cherokee County to indirectly affect tourism? _____

Additional support from this grant application may be attached if desired.

*****This grant is not meant to be a supplement to your budget every year – it is intended to get your event started.**

*****IMPORTANT: Upon completion of event/project, all grant recipients must supply the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee with actual budget for event/project and follow-up summary. Recipients who do not comply with this policy may be ineligible for future grants.**

Committee Use Only: Date received 2-5-15 Action _____



Galena Volunteer Fire Department

A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

INCORPORATED
301 WEST 7th STREET
GALENA, KANSAS 66739

Member of the
Kansas State Firemen's Association
National Firemen's Protective Association

Fire Chief Bill Hall
Asst. Chief Steve Hall

Telephone
Business (620) 783-5134
Fire only (620) 783-1311

PROPOSED GALENA DAYS BUDGET (2015)

\$15,000	-----PRIZES AWARDED.
6,000	-----NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT.
1,400	-----TICKET PRINTING.
1,000	-----REPAIR OF EQUIPMENT AND NEW PURCHASES.
3,000	-----FOOD COSTS.
2,000	-----MISS GALENA PROMOTIONAL COSTS.
300	-----ELECTRICITY.
200	-----CLEAN UP COSTS.

\$28,900	

CHEROKEE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION

DATE REQUESTED – February 25, 2015

NAME OF EVENT/PROJECT – 12U Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament (60 ft.)

DATE OF EVENT – Wednesday, July 15th – Sunday, July 19th 2015

NAME OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION – Columbus Cal Ripken Baseball Assoc.

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE EVENT/PROJECT – Columbus Cal Ripken Baseball won the bid to host the 12U Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament. The four day tournament will showcase eight of the top 12 year old Cal Ripken baseball teams in the state of Kansas.

PERSON MAKING GRANT/REQUEST – Luecrita Haraughty & Tournament Planning Committee

HOME ADDRESS – Luecrita Haraughty
1917 Brassart Lane
Columbus, KS 66725

WORK PHONE - 620-235-4629 **CELL PHONE** - 620-674-1185

GRANT AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED - \$300.00

IS THIS EVENT IN ANY WAY A FUNDRAISER FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION? YES NO

- Cal Ripken Baseball must raise \$2,000.00 before it receives any profit from the baseball tournament.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF EXPECTED ATTENDEES – 120 players and coaches, & Parents and fans

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ROOM NIGHTS GENERATED - 4 Nights

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES THAT ARE DAY-TRIPPERS – See Attendees

WHERE WILL THEY STAY WHILE IN CHEROKEE COUNTY? – Players, parents, and fans will find lodging (hotels, motels, bed & breakfasts) within 45 minutes of the Columbus Community Ball Fields.

HOW WILL THE GRANT MONEY BE USED (BE SPECIFIC) – WELCOME BAGS (string backpacks) will be provided to each player and coach. The backpack would have the Cal Ripken emblem on it. It would also say “12 U Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament – Columbus, KS.. The bags would have tourism information such as Big Brutus and Schermerhorn Park. It would include local business information including restaurants,

gas stations, lodging etc. I would also like to see area businesses welcome the kids by putting business coupons, pencils, and such in the bags.

WHERE WILL VISITORS COME FROM? - Visitors will travel from all over Kansas.

IS THIS A ONE-TIME EVENT/PROJECT? AN ON-GOING PROJECT? EXPLAIN -

This event is award on a year-by-year basis. Due to the great organization and community support we are hoping to continue to host for some time. Columbus Cal Ripken league has also requested and hope to be awarded the 8U, 9u, and 11u district tournaments. These tournaments will also bring in revenue to the community.

HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED PRIOR FUNDING FROM THIS GRANT? EXPLAIN - Yes. Cal Ripken was awarded the grant last year for the 12U Tournament.

HOW WILL THIS EVENT/PROJECT INCREASE TOURISM REVENUE IN CHEROKEE COUNTY?

The 12 U Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament will increase tourism in the area by bringing visitors to the community. When not playing, these visitors will be able to visit Big Brutus, area museums, and area parks for entertainment. I also see the tournament benefitting the community economically. Lodging, restaurants, the grocery store, convenience stores, and clothing sales should see revenue from the tournament.

IF EVENT/PROJECT WILL NOT DIRECTLY AFFECT TOURISM, HOW WILL IT IMPROVE OR ENHANCE CHEROKEE COUNTY TO INDIRECTLY AFFECT TOURISM?

The 12U Cal Ripken Baseball Tournament will directly affect tourism in Cherokee County. This tournament will bring families that have never traveled to the southeastern part of the state showcasing our great community.

TOURNAMNT EXPENSES

CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL Fee	\$1,200.00
CITY POOL RENTAL	????
BASEBALL UMPIRES (15 X \$70)	\$1,050.00
RAWLINGS BASEBALLS	\$120.00
TEAM & PARENT DINNER (250 PEOPLE)	\$750.00
PLAYER & COACHES SOCIAL (GAMES)	\$200.00
BALLPARK EXPENSES	\$300.00
TOURNAMENT PROGRAM (100 COUNT)	?????
Grounds Crew	\$150.00
Admissions worker	\$200.00
	\$3,970.00

Subject: Tourism Grant
From: Luecrita Haraughty <lharaughty@pittstate.edu>
Date: 3/3/2015 9:24 AM
To: columbuschamber@columbus-ks.com

Jean:

Below is the information that I know of currently that we have confirmed with local business for help on the 12U Cal Ripken State Tournament. The only true income that the league will get is from gate fee, which the admission fee is below. I do not have a count on how many individuals came through the gate previously but I can tell you we collected around \$2500 last year. Please see our upfront costs which you should have with the application form. Please let me know what other questions you might have.

Receipts

Income for 12U Cal Ripken State Baseball Tournament:
Crossland Construction - Covering Opening Ceremony Cookout
Midwest - Covering tournament program
City: Requesting pool rental fee waved.
Gate: Charging \$5 Adult, \$2 Student

At this point this is the only confirmed income. Our absolute expenses are the Cal Ripken baseball fee of \$1200, umpires, baseballs, and field maintenance expenses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Luecrita Haraughty
State Tournament Director

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**12U KANSAS CAL RIPKEN STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
SPONSORS & EXPENSES - COLUMBUS, KS**

CITY OF COLUMBUS - \$600.00	- 1/2 OF CAL RIPKEN FEE
CITY OF COLUMBUS	- CITY POOL RENTAL
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - NAPIER, COLLINS	- 1/2 OF CAL RIPKEN FEE & EXPENSES (UMPIRES)
CROSSLAND CONSTRUCTION -	- TOURNAMENT COOKOUT
MIDWEST COLOR GRAPHICS -	- TOURNAMENT PROGRAMS
COLUMBUS TELEPHONE CO. - \$300.00	- EXPENSES (BASEBALLS)
TOURISM GRANT - \$225.00 OF \$300.00	- STRING BACKPACKS
TOURISM GRANT - \$60.00 OF \$300.00	- TROPICAL SNOWS
LIONS CLUB - \$200.00	- EXPENSES (UMPIRES)
JANET GRAHAM - \$150.00	- DONATION TO HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FOR WORKERS
JAY HATFIELD CHEVORLET -	- ROBIN WELLS (ANNOUNCER)
TEAM THREADS -	- TOURNAMENT TSHIRTS & STATE CHAMPION TSHIRTS
VITAL SIGNS -	- PRINTING OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BANNER & BRACKET
H&K CAMPERS -	- CAMPER FOR UMPIRES & STAFF
EXPENSES NOT SPONSORED	
10 GALLONS OF BAKED BEANS (JONI H.)	- \$175.00 (PROGRAM SALES)
MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES - CUPS, T.P., SOAP	- \$25.00 (PROGRAM SALES)
GATE KEEPER	- \$180.00 (Karly S.)
FIELD EXPENSES	- \$200.00
TOURNAMENT PROFITS	
PROGRAM SALES	- \$200.00
GATE	- \$2825.00

