

**MINUTES FOR MARCH 22, 2010**  
**COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**  
**CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee County Commission met March 22, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hilderbrand and those present were Commissioners Garner and Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the corrected minutes for March 15, 2010, (the change in the minutes was the pay raise regarding a 6 month raise for a County Lot employee, only Commissioners Garner and Collins had signed the approval), his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept March Payroll as presented by County Clerk Crystal Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all voted in favor. Commissioner Garner made a motion to accept and approve Account Payables for March 2010 as presented by Clerk Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all voted in favor.

**VOUCHERS AND OTHER ITEMS SIGNED BY THE COMMISSION**

**VOUCHER #9810 - \$2,642.30 (VALUATION ASSISTANCE &CONSULTATION INC) - TO BE TAKEN OUT OF FUND 230 - CHEROKEE COUNTY APPRAISER**

**VOUCHER #5833 - \$2,500.00 (REVERSE 911 SYSTEM SOFTWARE) - THIS AMOUNT HAD BEEN DONATED BY EVONIC TO THE COUNTY)**

**APPLICATION FOR THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR A GRANT SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER HILDERBRAND**

**CDBG DRAW DOWN FUNDS FOR COUNTY GRANT & FAMILY LIFE CENTER SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER HILDERBRAND AND CHEROKEE COUNTY CLERK CRYSTAL GATEWOOD.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Larry Renick came before the commission and thanked them for the new signage on his road. He also addressed a situation of a heavy hauler using the road to transport heavy contents, which he said was breaking down the road materials. He asked the commission if they had given permission to use the county road and the commission could not recollect giving permission, but Commissioner Collins added they would discuss it with Leonard Vanatta, Supervisor of the Road & Bridge Department. The commission also agreed to put the road on the list for repairs in the county. Mr. Renick also had some environmental concerns regarding sewage in ditches near his home. The commission asked if he had talked with the Health Department and he said he had and had seen no changes and the commission agreed that the Environmental Specialist for the county probably was working on it and it would take a little time. Mr. Renick also noted that without some type of zoning in the county it could continue, but Commissioner Collins said there are regulations for septic tanks.

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James Bean came before the commission and asked questions regarding the road graders and the road grader operators. He wanted to know if the operators were licensed and Commissioner Collins said no and that he did not believe that they had to be licensed. He also asked how many road graders and operators worked over the weekend to clear the county roads and Commissioner Collins said he would check with Leonard Vanatta of the Road & Bridge Department. Mr. Bean thanked them for the information.

Leonard Vanatta, the Road & Bridge Supervisor, and Gene Langerot of the County Lot came before the commission and reported that all the graders and operators worked eight hours on Sunday, March 21, 2010, clearing the county roads of snow and ice. Commissioner Garner thanked the county workers for the good job they did clearing the roads. Gene Langerot reported they had purchased a new sign for Bagdad Road and no heavy trucks will be allowed on the road. Mr. Langerot also reported FEMA rescheduled and will be here April 1, 2010 at 1:00 PM in the courthouse basement meeting room to discuss the Disaster Declaration for the county. The commission and Supervisors Langerot and Vanatta discussed the buy-back program for the road graders and agreed to look into scheduling one a year.

County Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck came before the commission to get approval for overtime for some of her employees to get notices out regarding appraisals. The commission gave their approval and instructed her to do what she needs to do to get the notices out.

### MOTIONS

Commissioner Garner made a motion to the purchase of Computer Analyzing Equipment to help the County Lot maintain equipment (road graders) for \$4,000.00, to come out of the Road & Bridge Fund, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all voted in favor.

Commissioner Garner made a motion to recess for lunch, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all voted in favor.

### EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

**Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for twenty minutes for Non-Elected/Personnel with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, County Counselor Kevin Cure, and Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Allison, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all voted in favor. They went in at 1:28 PM and returned at 1:46 PM.**

**Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for twenty minutes for Non-Elected/Personnel with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, County Counselor Kevin Cure, and Emergency Preparedness Director Jason Allison, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all voted in favor. They went in at 1:48 PM and returned at 2:10 PM.**

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Commissioner Garner made a motion to go into Executive Session for thirty minutes for Non-Elected/Personnel with himself, Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand, County Counselor Kevin Cure, Leonard Vanatta, and Gene Langerot, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all voted in favor. They went in at 2:20 PM and returned at 2:58 PM.


Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into Executive Session for fifteen minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all voted in favor. They went in at 3:00 PM and returned at 3:12 PM.

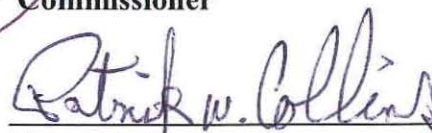
#### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Garner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 PM, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held March 29, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse.

**Resolved and Ordered this day, March 29, 2010**

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner