

MINUTES FOR APRIL 2, 2018
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

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, April 2, 2018 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse located at 110 W Maple St., Columbus, Kansas. Commissioner Pat Collins opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Cory Moates, Pat Collins, Neal Anderson, 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 March 26, 2018 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Moates read a letter from KDOT asking the Board to approve the Unofficial Detour Agreement to reimburse the County \$155,146.83 for rock, magnesium chloride, and water on roads adjacent to the K-7 road project. Chairman Moates signed the agreement.

Leonard Vanatta, County Road Supervisor, appeared before the Board regarding county road business. Commissioner Collins asked him to check on the road just east of Badger Bridge to patch a hole that has developed. Leonard stated that asphaltting should begin next week. He has met with Teeters to review some of the areas needing asphalt. Commissioner Moates stated that a resident on SE Quaker Rd. and SE 10th St. going north is asking that the road not be graded so often.

The Board asked Leonard to choose a grader to have rebuilt by Caterpillar at an estimated cost of \$181,336.26. The rebuild will include new warranties.

Machelle Smith, Baxter Springs Lions Club President, appeared before the Board seeking assistance for the Cherokee County Senior Health Fair scheduled for May 3rd, 2018. She reported that last year 170 citizens were served during this event. The cost to bring in the Lions Club Mobile Screening Unit is \$300.

A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to donate \$300 to the Baxter Springs Lions Club to host the Mobile Screening Unit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried 3-0. The Board allocated \$100 from each of the commissioners' recreation funds.

Counselor Wright reported that after doing research for scrap metal licensing, she has determined that the county's resolutions are no longer valid.

Department Heads - Monthly Reports

Officials met with the Board for their routine monthly meeting for the purpose of updating the Board on happenings within each department, with the following department heads present: Barbara Bilke, Register of Deeds; Betha Elliott, Health Department; David Groves, Sheriff; Deana Randall, Human Resources; Jacob Conard, County Attorney; Jason Allison, Emergency Management; Logan Grant, Noxious Weeds; Mark Hixon, Appraiser; Ralph Houser, Maintenance; Raven Elmore, Treasurer; Rodney Edmondson, Clerk & Election; and Wayne Elliott, 911 Addressing & Mapping.

Betha Elliott reported that the new eWIC cards have a few glitches at grocery stores, but they are working to resolve the problem. She had a nurse give notice but since they have had grant cuts, she's going to evaluate the need to hire.

David Groves reported that the next Drug Take-Back is scheduled for April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. They are working on a program that would place a drop box at the law enforcement center as a permanent means of disposing of unwanted prescription drugs. He's working with the Department of Corrections to provide deputies with Narcan that would be used for opioid overdose treatment.

Barbara Bilke reported that \$25,000 has been collected for deeds, mortgages, and recording fees in the first quarter of 2018. They have processed 58 passports during the same period.

Deana Randall reported that the health insurance wellness screening will be held May 22nd through the 25th at the courthouse and the sheriff's office. She reminded everyone that failing to complete the screening will result in an increase in the health insurance premium for the employees that don't participate.

Jacob Conard reported that they filed 40 new cases in March with 26 of them being felonies.

Jason Allison stated that two storm sirens have been hit by lightning and he has reported it to KCAMP for repair. He has found a grant to place more storm sirens in areas of need and is working on submission of that grant.

Logan Grant reported that he attended the annual conference last month and has enough credits for recertification.

Mark Hixon reported that today is the last day to schedule an informal hearing for property valuations. He currently has 134 scheduled which is down from last year.

Ralph Houser stated that he is still working on getting the fountain repaired. He is still getting things ready for the auction in May.

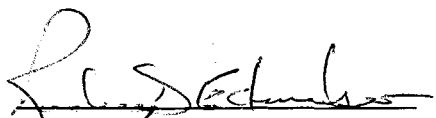
Raven Elmore reported that Exchange State Bank offered 1.10% on our investment. The new Web-Tag is now available for residents to renew tags online. May 10th is the deadline to pay second half taxes and her office will not be mailing out reminders.

Wayne Elliott reported the issuance of four new addresses, the sale of \$99 in maps to customers, and the making of 18 new street signs. He stated that the public can view maps of the county owned property that is being auctioned in May if they come to his office.


Rodney Edmondson provided details on the budget timeline beginning with department budgets due to him on June 5th.

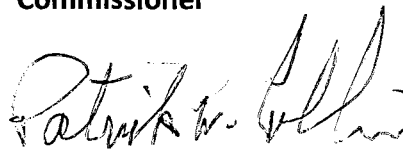
Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting set for Monday, April 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion carried 3-0 at 10:58 a.m.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 9th day of April, 2018


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


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March 28, 2018

Cherokee County Commission
Cherokee county Courthouse
Columbus, KS 66725

7-11 KA 1586-01
Unofficial Detour Agreement


Dear Commissioners,

Attached please find four (4) copies of the Unofficial Detour Agreement for reimbursement for material on County Roads adjacent to the K-7 road project. Please sign and return three (3) copies. After all signatures, one (1) copy will be returned to you.

If you have questions, please call.

Thanks.

Sincerely,


For: George Dockery, P.E.
Area Engineer

GD:RG:rg

cc: District Engineer
file

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Unofficial Detour Route Compensation

Preparatory Water

39 Locations @ \$251.61/location x 3 applications = \$29,438.37

Magnesium Chloride Solution

39 Locations @ \$750.38/location x 3 applications = \$87,794.46

Maintenance Road Rock

2,840 Tons @ \$4.45/ton x 3 applications = \$37,914.00

\$155,146.83