

**MINUTES FOR JULY 26, 2010**  
**COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHEROKEE COUNTY**  
**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**  
**CRYSTAL L. GATEWOOD**

The Cherokee County Commissioners met July 26, 2010. Those present were Commissioners Richard Hilderbrand, Pat Collins, and Jack Garner. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the minutes for July 19, 2010, as submitted by Clerk Gatewood, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all three voted in favor. Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, and Collins, and County Clerk Crystal Gatewood signed off on the July 19, 2010 minutes. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve and pay July Accounts Payables for the county, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all three voted in favor. Commissioner Garner made a motion to approve and pay July Payroll for the county, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hilderbrand and all three voted in favor. Commissioners Collins, Hilderbrand, and Garner, County Counselor Kevin Cure, and Cherokee County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the documentation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

**Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for thirty minutes for Personnel with himself and Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 11:10 AM and returned at 11:40 AM.**

**Commissioner Collins made a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for ten minutes for Personnel with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, County Counselor Kevin Cure, and Leonard Vanatta, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all three voted in favor. They went in at 2:30 PM and returned at 2:39 PM.**

**Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for Attorney/Client Privilege for thirty minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Hilderbrand, and County Counselor Kevin Cure, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 2:51 PM and returned at 3:20 PM.**

**Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for Attorney/Client Privilege for fifteen minutes with himself, Commissioners Garner and Collins, County Counselor Kevin Cure, and Cherokee County Appraiser Nancy Herrenbruck, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and all three voted in favor. They went in at 3:27 PM and returned at 3:45 PM.**

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## OTHER BUSINESS

Road and Bridge Supervisor Leonard Vanatta and the commission discussed general road maintenance and weed control in the county. Leonard reported the Bridge Viaduct project estimate came in lower so the cost would be reduced. Kansas Works contacted Gene Langerot about hiring an employee to work at the County Lot until September 3, 2010. Gene explained that Kansas Works program pays the wages for this employee and the county pays nothing. The commission thought it was a good idea and told him to go ahead.

Jason Allison brought the paperwork in for the NSP Project and the commission signed off on the documents.

Betha Elliott of the Cherokee County Health Department brought in a grant renewal for the Health Department. She explained the details of the grant and that the county has the opportunity to roll over funds from the previous year to use in the new grant. Commissioner Hilderbrand signed off on the Public Health Awareness Grant.

Representatives Philip Ripee and Carl Eyman of KWORCC (workers compensation) came before the commission to discuss the premium and loss information for Cherokee County. They reported that the county is at a 74% loss ratio with the incidents occurring between 2006 and 2009. The loss ratio is the result of higher premiums for the county. They also reported that safety training at the facilities in the county was going well and that has helped with incidents occurring. It was also noted by Commissioner Collins that Cherokee County has in the past had safety meetings and they are still doing the safety meetings which are set up and directed by KWORCC. The commission went over the reports and asked questions. The commission thanked them for coming in and giving the update.

Rebecca Brassart, of 911 Mapping, came before the commission and submitted a voucher to purchase new computers for dispatch. The cost of the computers will come out of 911 Wireless Funds. All three commissioners signed off on the voucher.

Tim Locke came before the commission to discuss the possibility of being employed by the county with no benefits, no vacation, no overtime, no holiday pay or sick time. He wanted to discuss the idea of being a grader operator during his time off from his fire fighting job. He already knows his schedule for one year and he feels that this would ease the county workload of the other graders already full time. The commissioners thanked him for coming in and said they would think about it.

Larry Sharp, of KCAMP, came before the commission to give an update on the county's overall liability insurance on structures, vehicles, and equipment owned by the county. He reported that in 2009, due to weather damage, the loss ratio was 87%. Mr. Sharp also said that KCAMP had hired outside appraisers to update the valuations on the county buildings and structures for the replacement estimates. The commissioners thanked him for coming in and giving them the update.

**MOTIONS MADE BY COMMISSION**

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

Commissioner Garner made a motion to approve the Galena Sentinel to run the Legal Notice for Delinquent Taxes three times for publication and the Galena Sentinel will do the inserts one time in the Baxter and Columbus papers with the cost not to exceed \$6,750.50, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all three commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to pass Resolution #10-2010 stating that the Cherokee County Commission has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended December 31, 2008 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-112a (a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are no significant value to the Cherokee County Commission or the members of the General Public of Cherokee County, Kansas and..., his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all three commissioners voted in favor. Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, Collins, and County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the document.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to pass Resolution #11-2010 stating that the Cherokee County Commission has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended December 31, 2009 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-112a (a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are no significant value to the Cherokee County Commission or the members of the General Public of Cherokee County, Kansas and..., his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all three commissioners voted in favor. Commissioners Garner, Hilderbrand, Collins, and County Clerk Gatewood signed off on the document.

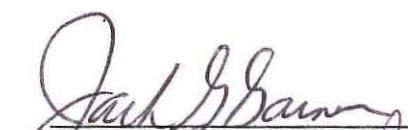
Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to amend the agenda and move Tim Locke from 2:00 PM to 1:50 PM, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Garner and all three voted in favor.

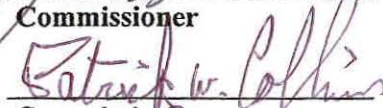
**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Garner made a motion to adjourn at 4:24 PM, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and all voted in favor. The next Cherokee County Commission meeting will be held August 2, 2010 at 9:00 AM in the Cherokee County Courthouse in Columbus, Kansas. The commission will adjourn at 12:00 PM so the County Clerk Gatewood can finalize the August 3, 2010 election.

Resolved and ordered this day August 2, 2010

  
Cherokee County Clerk

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner